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A 'campaign topic'

Zia belittles U.S. support

BONN, March 9 (AP) — President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan was quoted Sunday as saying U.S. pledges of support in the wake of Afghanistan invasion were inadequate and more like a "campaign topic" than a genuine guarantee.

The West German news magazine *Der Spiegel* quoted Zia as saying the \$200 million aid package offered by the Carter administration would have bought little more than "the hostility of the Soviet Union."

Asked whether he thought Carter's promises of support for Pakistan were "small talk," Zia replied, "It seems so, because up to now nothing has come out of it."

"Since the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan over two months have past," the Pakistani leader continued, "What tangible has happened since then. Absolutely nothing."

Zia said Pakistan's people were taking U.S. statements more and more as "an election

topic and not as real help for Pakistan."

Last week Pakistan formally rejected President Carter's offer of \$200 million in aid to help the south Asian nation in the face of Soviet moves in neighboring Afghanistan.

Zia had said publicly that the offer was too little in light of Pakistan's military needs, and termed the figure "peanuts."

"What do I get out of this," Zia said of the \$200 million package? "What do I buy with it? the hostility of the Soviet Union, and that doesn't suit me."

Der Spiegel quoted Zia as saying the United States should renew the bilateral military aid agreement of 1959 if it is truly concerned about Pakistan's security.

Zia said his government would do nothing to provoke a Soviet attack, but that it would continue to provide "humanitarian aid" to Afghan refugees fleeing the pro-Soviet regime in Kabul.

Afghan freedom fighters cut key road to Khyber Pass

KABUL, March 9 (AP) — Freedom fighter leaders claimed their forces have captured "a large segment" of the main highway between the Afghan capital of Kabul and Torkhan, the frontier post by the Khyber Pass leading into Pakistan.

The Muslims said, in a statement issued Saturday in Islamabad, Pakistan, that they have set up checkpoints along the approximately 110-mile stretch. Soviet jets, they said, were flying bombing runs in Konar province, near the border, and "heavy fighting" was continued.

A Pakistani news agency, Pakistan Press International, said daily bus service between Peshawar, about 20 miles inside Pakistan, and Kabul had been suspended as Afghanistan government forces intensified their attacks along the highway in an effort to take control of it.

Fifteen members of a single Afghan family were killed in one bombing attack, the news agency said.

The Muslims also claimed an Afghan army platoon commander killed his superior officer, then deserted to the Muslim side with one of his troops. They brought with them a machine gun, two sub-machine guns, four rifles and a large quantity of ammunition, the statement said.

Soviet troops, backed by jet fighters and tanks, reportedly inflicted heavy casualties in Konar province, slightly to the north of the area where the Muslims swore claim to be making gains.

Diplomats in Pakistan speculated the stepped-up Soviet attacks were the start of a spring offensive against the Muslims, and on Friday, the Soviet Union was apparently gearing up for a new offensive with a massive airlift and road caravan of supplies to its troops. The Afghanistan government also

issued a new draft call to fill vacancies in its own weakened army.

Radio Kabul said in a broadcast monitored in New Delhi, India that five trucks loaded with U.S. and Chinese automatic weapons were seized last month in Afghanistan's Kandahar province, about 300 miles southwest of Kabul. It said arrests were made, but provided no details.

The Kabul regime, meanwhile, handed over to Tehran authorities four Iranians jailed by the government of executed President Hafizullah Amin, Tass news agency reported Sunday.

Quoting a government statement, Tass said the move was made "in view of the insoluble relations between Afghanistan and Iran," but it gave no further details.

Since it took power in a coup on Dec. 27, the Kabul government has made several overtures to neighboring Iran.

Franjeh releases

BEIRUT, March 9 (AP) — Former education minister and prominent partisan Edmond Rizk was released Sunday after a 24-day captivity with northern Lebanese gunmen, the Christian Phalange Party announced.

Rizk, 46, is one of the leading members of the politbureau of that party, which commanded the strongest militia during the 1975-76 Lebanese civil war.

His abduction, Feb. 13, was part of a war of vendetta between the Phalange Party militia and the Marada (Giants) brigade of former President Suleiman Franjeh.

Franjeh accused Phalange gunmen of murdering his son, Tony, his daughter-in-law and granddaughter along with 30 aids in June 1978.

Kuwait censures U.S. over U.N. vote

KUWAIT, March 9 (R) — Kuwait Sunday officially censured the United States for repudiating its vote for a recent United Nations criticism of Israel for building settlements in occupied Arab lands.

Chief government spokesman Abdul Aziz Hussein told reporters that U.S. Ambassador Francois Diekmann had been summoned to the foreign ministry and notified of Kuwait's "deep regret and condemnation of the change of mind by the U.S."

"It was unjustified and it contravened international laws and the legitimate rights of the people in the occupied areas," the spokesman said of the action which provoked both the Arabs and the Israelis.

The U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance took responsibility for the vote on the Security Council resolution which called for the dismantling of Israeli settlements in the captured Arab territory.

The White House stated that the U.S. representative at the U.N. Donald McHenry had received wrong instructions.

Iran ambassador persona non grata

BAGHDAD, March 9 (AP) — Iraq has declared Iran's ambassador to Baghdad a persona non grata and demanded that he be withdrawn by mid-March, a foreign ministry spokesman declared Sunday.

The spokesman accused the ambassador, Muhammad Dusei, of feeding the Iranian state-run radio with "false information" about Iraq.

"This constituted a deviation from his diplomatic job and a violation of diplomatic rules and traditions," the spokesman said.

Edmond Rizk

The 18-month-old daughter of Phalange militia commander, Bashir Gemayel, was killed in a bomb blast last month, and Phalangists implicated Franjeh's men.

The blast and Rizk's abduction set in motion the swap of prisoners, kidnapped last October, by the two sides.

Twelve Phalangists were released by Franjeh and seven Maradas by the Phalange last week. An unknown number of other prisoners were yet to be freed by the two parties.

"I come out of captivity more convinced that Lebanon needs now, more than ever before, to achieve national reconciliation," Rizk said in a radio statement. "I will spare no effort to bring all factions together and end Lebanon's endless nightmare."

Shamir's appointment was expected. He

In Riyadh today Giscard asserts states' rights

RIYADH, March 9 (Agencies) — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing will arrive here Monday for a brief visit en route from Amman to Paris.

A French embassy spokesman has told *Arab News* the visit wasn't originally included in the French president's tour to the Gulf States and Jordan. However, Giscard d'Estaing decided to make a stop-over to give King Khaled his best wishes. In addition the president will hold unofficial talks with Crown Prince Fahd during the four-hour stop-over. According to the spokesman talks will review the president's tour of the Gulf capitals and Amman. In addition, they will discuss the Middle East situation in the light of the present threats to Gulf security.

The president comes here from Amman, where he called for participation by the Palestine Liberation Organization in negotiations for an overall Middle East Peace settlement guaranteed by the big five powers.

Speaking at a banquet in Amman given by King Hussein of Jordan Sunday night, the President said a global settlement must enshrine the right of every state in the region to live in peace within secure, recognized and guaranteed frontiers.

"France knows the legitimate concern of the state of Israel on this question," the French leader said.

"But Israel must recognize that its occupation of Arab territories since 1967 cannot allow it to establish with its neighbors the peaceful relations to which it aspires..."

"Precise guarantees should be given to all the states in the region by the permanent members of the Security Council (the United States, Soviet Union, China, France and Britain), because of their particular responsibilities. Here there is an essential subject for negotiation."

The necessity for PLO participation in global peace negotiations was included in a joint communique issued after Giscard d'Estaing's talks with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on Jan. 28.

He said Sunday that the Palestinian prob-



STOCK PICTURE: King Khaled with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in Paris during the King's official visit to France in 1978.

"I am not a refugee problem, but one of 'a people which aspires to exist and to organize itself as such.'"

"By exercising its right to self-determination...within the framework of a peace settlement, it must be able to choose its destiny and have a homeland," the French president said.

"All the parties must be associated with the

Arafat calls Giscard courageous

PARIS, March 9 (AP) — Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), said in an interview published Saturday that President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France "has taken the first step for Europe" toward settling the Palestinian problem.

He told the Paris newspaper *Le Monde* that Giscard d'Estaing's recognition of the Palestinians' right to self-determination, announced during the French leaders' present Mideast tour, was "courageous and important."

Arafat said "France is doing a service to the whole (Mideast) region and Lebanon in particular by countering the plot against the Palestinians that germinated in the Camp David accords."

Arafat said he now was waiting for France to "draw more explicitly the conclusions of its own recognition of the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people, by proclaiming its right to an independent state, followed by 'full recognition of the PLO.'"

negotiations and in particular the Palestinian people, which impels the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization."

Giscard d'Estaing added, "It is time everyone recognized that there is no peace possible in the Middle East outside the two realities constituted by the legitimate existence of the states of the region, and the unchangeable strength of national feelings..."

"France intends to do everything in its power, in liaison with its partners in Europe, to help progress in the search for a peace settlement."

The French president's speech climaxed a week-long tour of Arab states which began in Kuwait with an outright French endorsement of the principle of Palestinian self-determination as part of an overall peace settlement.

His use of the self-determination formula for the first time was hailed by the Arab world as a step by France towards the Arab negotiating position.

King sees princes

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — King Khaled Sunday evening received a number of princes foremost among whom was Prince Muhammad bin Abdul Aziz.

The King also received a number of cabinet ministers and citizens who came for the second day to congratulate him on his release from the hospital.

Abdullah receives U.S. ambassador

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah received John West, U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom on Sunday. The officials reviewed bilateral relations between the two countries.

Former terrorist leader named Israeli foreign minister

TEL AVIV, March 9 (AP) — The Israeli cabinet on Sunday selected Yitzhak Shamir, a hawkish parliamentarian who once led an underground Jewish terrorist organization, to serve as Israeli foreign minister.

Shamir, who heads an informal group of associates of Prime Minister Menachem Begin who distrust Egyptian-Israeli peace, will be formally appointed after a special cabinet meeting Monday and approval by the Israeli Knesset, or parliament. Both steps are seen

as a formality, required by Israeli law.

A cabinet communique said Begin had offered the post to Shamir in a private meeting before the cabinet session. Shamir must resign his post as speaker of the Knesset before being appointed.

Shamir, 65, immigrated from Poland to Palestine, where he rose to leadership of an underground group that used terror tactics to drive out the British mandatory rulers. A long-time associate of Begin's, Shamir was

elected to the Knesset in 1965, and was appointed speaker when Begin became Prime Minister in 1977.

Shamir is the senior parliamentarian of a group of Begin's Likud party who oppose Israeli reliance on peace with Egypt. He obtained in the Knesset vote to ratify the peace treaty. Some Israeli analysts predict that Shamir's appointment will strengthen the hawks in the government.

Shamir's appointment was expected. He

was named as Begin's choice following the resignation of Moshe Dayan from the post last October. Begin has served as acting foreign minister since Dayan's resignation.

He headed the Ohamei Heru Israel (Israel freedom fighters) movement which was better known abroad as the Stern gang.

It was Shamir who masterminded the 1944 killing in Cairo of Britain's minister of state for the Middle East, Lord Moyne.

Major British company boycotted

JEDDAH, March 9 — Saudi Arabia has boycotted a major British company and its overseas subsidiaries for violating Arab Boycott regulations.

The Mecca-based official gazette *Um Al Qurra*, received here Sunday, said the Blackwood Hodge Ltd. company and its 24 subsidiaries were placed on the Saudi Arabian Regional Boycott Office and that the concerned authorities and merchants were informed of the decision.

It named the boycotted subsidiaries as follows:

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- 5 — Blackwood Hodge (Gambia) Ltd. Gambia
- 6 — Blackwood Hodge (Ghana) Ltd. Ghana
- 7 — Blackwood Hodge (Kenya) Ltd. Kenya
- 8 — Blackwood Hodge (Malawi) Ltd. (D) Malawi
- 9 — Blackwood Hodge (Nigeria) Ltd. Nigeria
- 10 — Blackwood Hodge (Sierra Leone Ltd. Sierra Leone
- 11 — Blackwood Hodge (Ceylon) Ltd. Sri Lanka
- 12 — Blackwood Hodge (Tanzania) Ltd. (D) Tanzania
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Jerusalem prime cause of Arabs, Khaled asserts

MECCA, March 9 (SPA) — King Khaled Saturday reaffirmed that Jerusalem is the prime cause for Muslims and Arabs and its occupation is a "deep wound bleeding in our hearts."

The King said in a message, delivered on his behalf by Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasa at the opening of the second Islamic Endowments Ministers' conference here Saturday, that Jerusalem was Arab land since the dawn of history. "We are determined to restore it," he said, but added that this aim could be achieved only through patience, sound planning, struggle and the streamlining of ranks.

The monarch went on, "We have now been successful in winning many states of the world and their moderate leaders in favor of our cause." He added that they felt sympathetic toward "our just demands."

King Khaled urged the Islamic nation to keep the issue of Jerusalem alive in their conscience, and hoped that the hour of victory would strike soon to regain Jerusalem. He said, "Our mission takes its roots from the message of King Abdul Aziz, which was carried forward by the champion of Islamic solidarity, King Faisal, who had a keen desire to pray at the Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem." He reiterated that "we are marching on the same track and we shall never lose Jerusalem and Palestine."

The monarch referred to the present sufferings and ordeals of the Islamic

nation as a result of its disunity and weakness, and said these could be overcome only through a serious study of their causes and not by aspirations or words.

He stressed Islamic and Arab unity and cooperation and said "as an Islamic nation we must understand that we are an integrated body strong in its economy, rich in its resources and multiple in its men." He emphasized that the nation's strength lay in its Islamic faith and its correct application in religious affairs.

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, thanked the monarch for his support for the conference, and added that the government and people of Saudi Arabia had always provided a propelling force to every constructive Islamic activity.

The conference elected Sheikh Abdul Wahhab its chairman; Sheikh Muhammad Ali Khalaji, Turkish minister of state for religious affairs as vice-chairman and Dr. Ahmed Khairi Mahmoud, Somali minister of state for religious affairs and Sheikh Nouri Faisal Shaer Al-Hadithi, Iraqi minister of endowments as moderators.

The conference, attended by nearly 41 ministers of all Islamic states, is slated to discuss a number of Islamic issues, mainly the Jerusalem issue. It will study a report prepared by the Secretariat General of the Muslim World League and a Jordanian working paper on the methods to be followed in the enforcement of Islamic law (Sharia).

Hassan donates \$200,000 to OIC Jerusalem Fund

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 9 — King Hassan of Morocco received the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and handed him a check for \$200,000 Saturday. The money will foster the Jerusalem Fund, sources at the Islamic Secretariat said here Sunday.

Earlier in the day, Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta opened in Marrakesh the third session of the governing body of the fund stemming from the OIC.

In his opening address Boucetta spoke of the important role of the fund in aiding the struggle of the Palestinian people. He said that the fund was the tool for implementing decisions of the Jerusalem Committee. It finances projects in the framework of Islamic action aimed at countering Judaization schemes.

Boucetta said the noble aim for which all Muslims strive is the liberation of the Holy City of Jerusalem from the shackles of Zionism and its return to the Arab and Islamic fold.

Taking the floor next, OIC Secretary General Habib Chaty thanked the Kingdom of Morocco led by King Hassan for all those efforts aimed at restoring Jerusalem and for hosting the conference.

He pointed out the dangers surrounding the Palestinian problem at present and especially Jerusalem, as Israel hastens to carry out its designs in the occupied territories every time the Palestinian case makes any progress worldwide.

The Jerusalem Committee was set up on

July 12, 1975 by a decision of the Sixth Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference held in Jeddah, July 12-15, 1975.

The Committee's task is to follow up the implementation of OIC resolutions on Jerusalem and to follow up those of other international organizations supporting the conference's stand or conforming to it. It also holds contacts with any other organizations and proposes to member states suitable measures for such decisions. It can adopt whatever measures to meet new developments.

Members of the committee are elected for a three year, renewable term. It submits its annual report to the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers through the Islamic Secretariat here.

The committee strives to preserve the state of Jerusalem and safeguard its Islamic nature and the rights of divine religions there. It considers Jerusalem as an integral part of the usurped Palestinian homeland.

The Jerusalem Fund was established by a resolution of the Seventh Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference held in Istanbul, May 12-14 1976. Its governing body is made up of five members elected by the Jerusalem committee. The term of office of four of the members is two years, renewable; the membership of the fifth (the PLO) is permanent. It submits a report to the Jerusalem Committee every six months. The fund is financed through voluntary contributions.

Its objectives are to resist the policy of Judaization of Jerusalem practice by the Israeli occupational authorities; and to augment the resistance of the Palestinian people in Jerusalem and occupied Palestine.

Saudi Comment

By Turki Abdullah Al-Sudairi

Al-Riyadh

Whenever we get annoyed over the state of public utilities like water, electricity, telephone, road, schools and clinics, we wonder whether it is desirable to go on spending huge amounts of money for such rotten service. But perhaps the problem lies not in the high cost but in the way the money is spent. We allocate the entire amount in one lot at the start of a project, but what actually happens is that the company winning a contract for, say, SR20 million, passes it on to another firm that says it can do the job for just SR15 million. This company, in its turn, gives the contract to still another contractor who wants only SR10 million.

Under the circumstances, the project's actual cost turns out to be only SR10 million or even less. In the end the standard of work also does not correspond to the level of the

actual cost involved.

While I don't object to adventures profiting in hiding markets, I think contractors should adhere to the specifications set forth at the time of letting the project. How can we allow a contract to pass through these three stages to the detriment of the project itself. Contractors are profiting without performing actual labor. We are handling utility contracts like real estate transactions.

I cannot, however, expect the Council of Ministers to police work on a water project in a small locality or at a government work site. The matter concerns the local authorities, and they are supposed to watch contractors to ensure that they are honoring their commitments.

In the absence of such vigilance, we shall continue to see projects fall apart two or three years after completion. We are building for our future. We must be sure we get our money's worth.

WEATHER

There will be slight drop in temperature in the northern and central regions.

Scattered clouds will hang over the northern, central, and western and south-western highlands.

Winds will be easterly to north-easterly and moderate to active. They may cause sand haze in the northern, central and western regions, limiting horizontal vision.

Seas will be moderate. Sunday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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Jizan	32	25
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Qaisumah	29	15
Yanbu	29	19
Abha	22	08

BRIEFS

JEDDAH, March 9 (SPA) — The fourth session of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank will open here Tuesday. The three-day session will discuss the Bank's performance and financing operations last year as well as its financial policy for the coming year. Delegates of 36 countries taking part in the meeting already started arriving here. Among the first arrivals were the delegates of Pakistan, Djibouti, Oman and North Yemen.

HASA, March 9 (SPA) — The deputy rector of King Faisal University in Hasa will give a lecture Monday on the importance of automatic calculators and computers in the prosperity of a society. The lecture is part of the cultural season of the Education Directorate of Hasa. It will be held at Hofuf secondary school in Hasa.

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah received the U.S. ambassador to the Kingdom, John West, the officials reviewed bilateral relations during their Sunday meeting.

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — Minister of

Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, left here Sunday for Muscat. He heads a Saudi Arabian delegation to the fifth Conference of Ministers of Agriculture and Water of the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula states. The three-day conference begins Monday, and will discuss joint projects among the states of the region. In addition, the conference will discuss promoting agricultural cooperation.

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — Minister of Education Dr. Aziz Al-Khuwaiter issued a decision Sunday raising the Educational Bureau of Hafir El Batin to an independent Education Directorate dealing directly with the Ministry of Education. The bureau was commissioned to exercise its powers as a directorate with the schools belonging to the bureau at present. A committee was formed to decide schools which could be related to the directorate in future.

TUNIS, March 9 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussain Jazairi left here Sunday for Damascus after attending the Council of Arab Health Ministers meetings. Jazairi said the results of the meetings were satisfactory and the decisions taken will help improve medical services in the Arab world.

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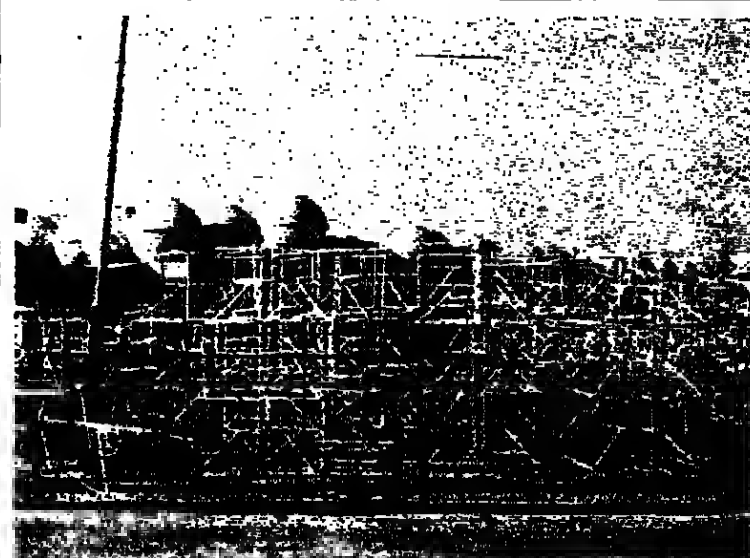
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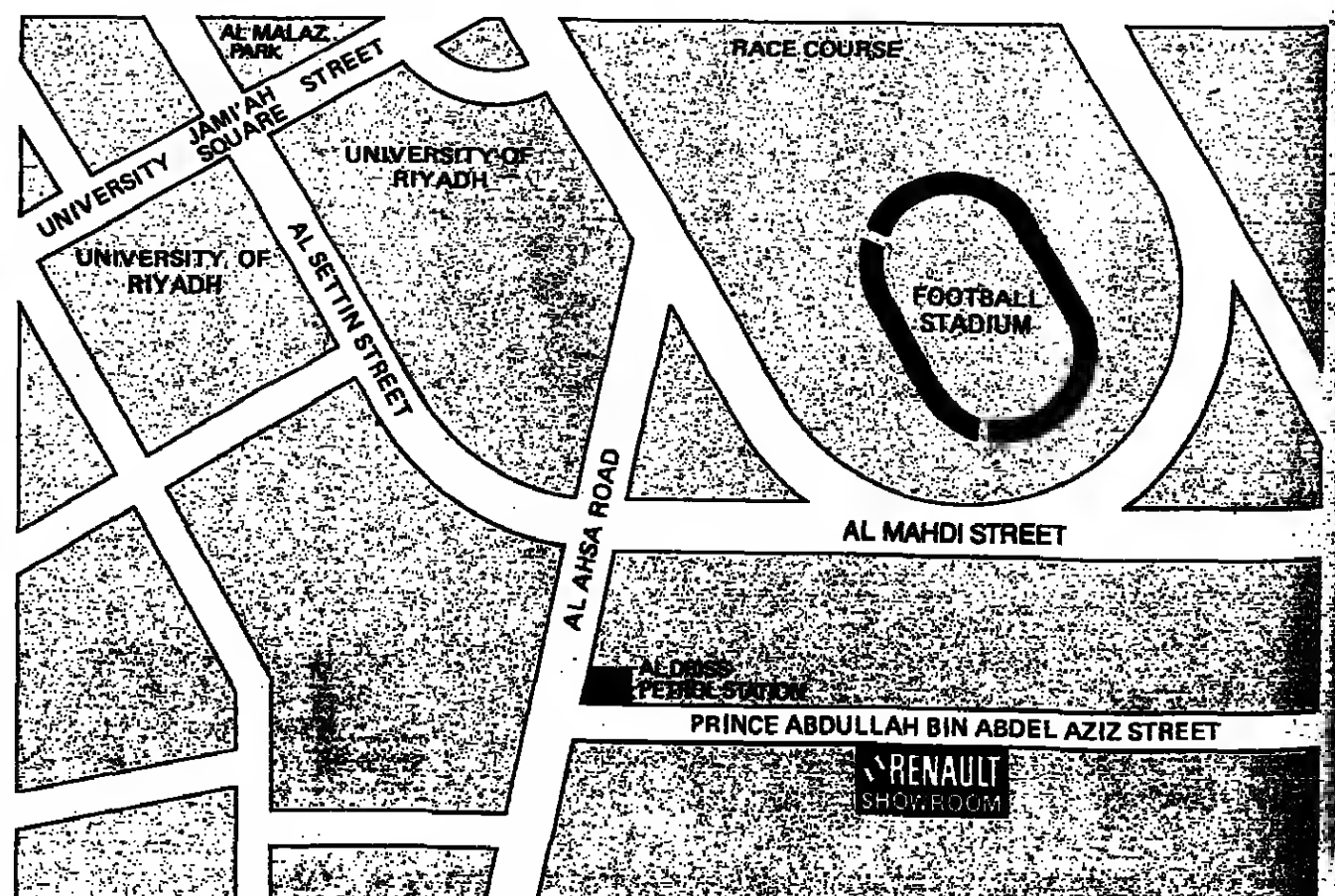
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In youth incentive program

Tihama gives company shares to workers

JEDDAH, March 9 — The General Assembly of Tihama advertising, public relations, and marketing research company meets here Monday under Prince Saud bin Fahd bin Abdul Aziz.

Tihama Director General Sheikh Muhammad Said Tayeb said 20 youths who spent more than one year in the company have been given shares to become full-fledged partners. The move was in line with a decision taken by the assembly at a previous meeting. The action provides incentive and proves perseverant Saudi youths can not only become senior officials of Tihama, but owners in the company.



Prince Saud bin Abdul Aziz

Tayeb said the company trains Saudi youths in advertising and public relations. The firm set up a training center in cooperation with King Abdul Aziz Research and Development Institute, where the first course for sales representatives will begin soon.

Monday's meeting will also examine the company's closing accounts for fiscal year 1979. Discussions will include a number of projects for the new financial year as well as an overall plan concerning branches Tihama intends to open.

After the meeting, the prince and other board members will inspect the company's various departments and attend an official dinner.

Female grads to be trained as teachers

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — The General Directorate of Girls' Education will appoint female university graduates from departments other than education as teachers.

The Directorate is organizing four-and-a-half month sessions to qualify the college graduates. Women qualified in commerce, accounting, economics, social sciences and previously appointed in class six will be promoted in class seven after the sessions.

Graduates not attending the session will either retain their present posts or have their appointments cancelled. The sessions are considered service time under their Public Personnel Bureau agreement.

Meanwhile, a Western Region school directors delegation reportedly will tour the Hasa area Monday. The 40-man delegation will visit historic sites, farms, educational and

construction developments.

In Dhahran, the Chinese delegation of university rectors visited the Petroleum and Mineral University. They inspected scientific and education facilities and held meetings with various department heads. The group discussed cooperation in science and research. The delegation also met with officials from King Faisal University for another series of discussions.

Music society recruiting new members

RIYADH, March 9 — The musical society in Riyadh and Jeddah was enlivened and enhanced through the efforts of Leonard Ingram, OBE. He arranged for leading musicians to perform in Riyadh, he hosted "Sunday Evenings" for amateur musicians and conducted seasonal concerts in which he

also took part as a viola player. His departure has left a large gap in Riyadh musical life and a few people felt his efforts should not go to waste — hence the Riyadh Choral Society was born.

Now about 50 regular members practice every Sunday night at John Edwards' house.

aiming to perform concerts consisting of traditional, folk, classical and oratorio works from different countries throughout the year.

The choir welcomes anyone of any nationality, any ability (no need to read music) who enjoys singing. The rehearsals are interspersed with social get-togethers.

It is hoped to present a concert at least once a year with members of the Jeddah music societies.

The conductor is Frank Clifford, who has been in Riyadh since 1974, and who is already known to the community as a producer of Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

The Committee consists of: Chairman, John Edwards; Treasurer, Ralph Wynniatt-Husey; Publicity manager, Jim Gaffey Smith; Musical Director, Frank Clifford; Founder-members with general duties, Christine Minter and Annie Wynniatt-Husey.

The inaugural concert will be held at Jecor Recreational Centre on the 22nd and 23rd March at 8.00 pm. with a program in two parts. The first part consists of traditional and popular music, the second part of choral and oratorio works. Additional music will be played by members of Riyadh Concert Band. Tickets will be available at the Continental School, Riyadh, from 1.15 till 2.00 pm, at Nejd Hotel and Jecor (Mrs. Faggard) on 18th, 19th and 22nd March. Enquiries from Mrs. Wynniatt-Husey, 69364.

The next concert will be a selection of well-known opera choruses.

Jeddah C.C. clobbers New Star

JEDDAH, March 9 — Jeddah Cricket Club beat New Star by a margin of 145 runs in the Huttami Cricket League Sunday.

Batting first, Jeddah flashed 213 runs in their allotted 35 overs. Dildar hammered 14 boundaries and one six to complete 102. Not out Iqbal and Aqeel also played well. In reply to Jeddah C.C. 213, New Star was all out for 68 runs. Aqeel and Hashim were main wicket takers. Hashim was three for seven runs while Aqeel took three for 21 runs.

In other games, Faisa Cricket Club won their third match of the league by defeating Wanderers by 12 runs. Faisa made 71 runs in 22 overs. Tanveer and Saleem scored 21 and 47 runs respectively. In reply Wanderers were all out at 59. Iqbal made 23 runs for Wanderers.

In other ties Hochtief beat New Star by a narrow margin of five runs. Hochtief made 103 for three wicket down. Mahmood made 42 runs. New Star was all out for 98. Burkey took seven wickets.



POINTMAKER: Dildar Hassan Khan, of the Jeddah Cricket Club, hammered 14 boundaries and one six for 102 in Sunday's game against New Star.

Pak Jeddah won their fourth game of the league. Pak Jeddah scored 170. Aqeel and Muneef batted well for Pak Jeddah. Al Hijaz was bundled at 86 runs. Khalid and Raiz took three wickets each.

Gulf news to transmit in English

MANAMA, March 9 (SPA) — Gulf States' news agencies directors decided to begin trial broadcasting in English on April 1. The directors also recommended developing the agency's work and promoting coordination among agencies. This involves broadcasting cultural and human interest information throughout the region. In addition to an exchange of technical expertise, journalists will tour the regions to report for the agency.

Islamic conference draws ministers

MECCA, March 9 (SPA) — Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie met the Pakistani minister of education and Culture Muhammad Ali Khan. They discussed bilateral relations and the coming Second Conference of Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs. Khan is here to attend the conference.

Arriving in Jeddah Saturday were the

Nazer continues tour of Hasa

HASA, March 9 (SPA) — Planning minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer toured the northern villages of the Hasa region, which includes Ein Najm, Jabal Gara, Umran and some districts of Hofuf and Mubraz. Nazer said the

Algerian Minister of Endowments and Islamic Affairs Baghi Yo Allam, and Sheikh Muhammad Abdul Wahab, minister of endowments for the Comoros Islands arrived. They are to attend the second Conference of Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs. They were received at the airport by Abdullah Bouges, deputy minister of pilgrimage and endowments and other ministry officials.

tour is to study the needs of the Hasa region for public works in the third five year plan. He was accompanied by officials of his ministry, directors of municipalities and other government departments.

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Syria army strengthened threefold, Assad says

DAVASCUS, March 9 (R) — President Hafez Assad says the strength of the Syrian army had grown threefold in the 10 years he had ruled the country.

In a speech Saturday at a rally marking the 17th anniversary of the 1963 revolution which brought the Arab Baath Socialist Party to power, Assad said that Syria now had 3,000 tanks.

"The October (1973) war was a turning point in the history of our nation which left its impact on the world," he said. One of the theories crushed was that of an invincible Israeli army.

"The war had removed illusions and introduced new conviction that would have led to important results but for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's deviation," Assad said, referring to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

"Syria had posed a problem to the United States and imperialism, particularly since President Sadat's peace overtures to Israel. It was an even bigger problem in the face of the 'imperialist decision to liquidate the most sacred cause of this age' (the fight against Israel)," he said.

Referring to internal violence, which the government has blamed on the banned extremist Muslim Brotherhood, Assad declared: "We are paying the price of our struggle against strategic and tactical aggression."

He said subversive operations inside Syria followed the Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt and had occurred whenever Syria differed with Sadat.

"When did the explosions and assassina-



President Assad

tions take place?" he asked. "They happened whenever we differed with Sadat...when we reconciled the acts stopped. The one who gives order to Sadat (implying Washington) gives the orders to them here," he said.

There has been a series of bombings and assassinations in Syria, including the massacre of 60 army cadets in the northern town of Aleppo last summer.

The government has started a crackdown on the Brotherhood, which calls for the eradication of Western influence in Islam. Security forces recently raided a Brotherhood hideout in Aleppo, killing eight persons.

During his three-hour speech, Assad emphasized his Muslim faith and warned the Brotherhood that the government could not be lenient with killers.

In a reference to the Soviet Union, main supplier of weapons to Syria's 200,000-strong army, he said that the strengthening of friendly relations represented the wishes of the people, who realized the meaning of Moscow's backing.

Iraq asking U.S. firms to explore for new oil

KUWAIT, March 9 (AP) — Iraq's daily production of crude oil stands at 3.7 million barrels, and the Baghdad government was in contract with U.S. companies for fresh prospecting and oilfield-developing contracts, the Iraqi minister of oil was quoted Sunday as saying.

Tayeb Abdul-Karim also told the Kuwait newspaper *As-Siyassah* that the unnamed U.S. companies "will not replace the Russians" already working in Iraq.

Iraq's maximum production capacity is four million barrels of crude oil a day, he said. Nothing of the daily production is sold on the spot market, the entire volume of export being committed to government-to-government contracts, he said.

Baghdad, he stressed, was yet to decide if the current rate of production will be maintained for any specific duration.

A national oil company handles marketing, but Iraq would welcome a pan-Arab corporation that coordinates marketing strategies of all oil exporting countries in the Arab region, Abdul-Karim said.

Oil, he said, is a "strategic liquid" and Baghdad prefers to sell it under conditions conducive to the Arab world's political cause and needs of technical assistance and investment opportunities.

Abdul-Karim avoided a question about the "growing Soviet menace" to the oil-rich Gulf region after the invasion of Afghanistan.

"Iraq deals with each country strictly on commercial basis, and we insist on respecting the sovereignty of and avoiding intervention in other countries' affairs," he said.

The Gulf region, he said, must be kept free of superpower conflicts and the Arabs, Europeans "must cooperate to keep the region safe and thus avert a world war."

Barre holds talks with Iraq leader

BAGHDAD, March 9 (R) — Visiting Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre Sunday held another round of talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

It said their talks dealt with bilateral relations and latest developments in the Middle East region.

Barre arrived in Baghdad Saturday for an official visit at the invitation of the Iraqi leader with whom he started formal discussions.



DEMONSTRATION: Students gather at the entrance to the U.S. embassy in Tehran to watch a demonstration in their support, outside the embassy gate recently. The demonstration originated at Tehran University earlier following the weekly prayer.

'The worst problem ever'

Plight of the Ogaden refugees

"The worst refugee problem in the world," was how the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Paul Hasting, described the plight of nomadic tribesmen who had fled into Somalia from the war in Ethiopia. Last week, with Michael Miller, Oxfam Project Director for Ethiopia, Conor Cruise O'Brien visited the Ogaden, the territory in Ethiopia most of the refugees come from.

By Conor Cruise O'Brien
OGADEN, March 9 (OFNS) — We flew in a DC-3 belonging to the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (set up after the 1977-8 war with Somalia) and carrying supplies of flour for displaced people.

The unpresurized aircraft flew at maximum height. The West Somali Liberation Front is fairly active in this area, though small in number, and shots can be taken at aircraft. We learned that to go long distances by road — we went short ones, out of the airports — would be both slow and unsafe. Roads are often mined and ambushes occasionally occur ("Once in a blue moon", an Ethiopian officer said). Journeys by road in this area can take up to 10 times the normal time.

We had already visited a number of refugee camps in Somalia and had listened to refugees from the Ogaden who (as interpreted) almost invariably told us how their villages had been burned or their water-holes bombed or poisoned, by Ethiopians, Russian and Cuban troops. The Ethiopians hotly deny these stories and wanted us to see "what we are really doing."

What we heard — from the Ethiopians — was that people who left these territories as a result of the Ogaden war in 1977 have been steadily coming back.

A commission officer told me that

1,070,000 people had left the region (including the Highland fringes) during the war in 1977. The highlanders — 470,000 of them — had now all returned, and so had 106,000 of the Lowlanders; 320,000 Lowlanders (Somalis) were still missing, many of them in the Somali camps.

The Ethiopians claim that, from the beginning of this year, people have been coming back in increasing numbers, averaging about 1,000 a day — which happens also to be the current estimated rate of entry into the refugee camps in Somalia. Certainly people are coming in, though at what rate we had no means of knowing.

The parched conditions now prevailing in the Ogaden — following the partial failure of the October rains — are impelling nomads to go where they will be given food, irrespective of the politics or ethnicity of those who give it.

And, of course, nomads come to these areas for water and leave again (though this was more evident in these Ogaden areas than in Somalia). At the same time it is clear, not only from what displaced people say (as interpreted) but from articles they bring with them — like matches, sugar, or a carton with a "Mogadishu label" used for the construction of a hut — that some, at least — many, according to the Ethiopians — of the people now coming in are people who have been to Somalia and come back.

What we heard in Somalia from host officials and refugees suggested a systematic Ethiopian policy of repressing, victimizing and expelling Somali people, in reprisal for guerrilla activity, and a measure of security. Everywhere we went we saw small numbers of Ethiopian troops, and there were modern MIGs and Cuban pilots at Dire Dawa airport.

Mali parley ponders Saharan cooperation

BAMAKO, March 9 (R) — Leaders of six African countries Saturday began a two-day summit in the capital of Mali aimed at encouraging economic and political cooperation among Saharan countries.

Opening the meeting, Mali's Gen. Moussa Traore said the six countries common faith of Islam was proving "a strong cement and a powerful means of rapprochement."

Attending the summit, the fourth since 1974, were Algeria's President Benjedid Chadli, Col. Mohammed Khouna Ould Haideria of Mauritania, President Goukouni Oueddell of Chad, Col. Seyni Kountche of Niger and the Malian leader.

Libya's Muammar Qaddafi was not attending and was represented by Major Abdul-Salam Jalloud, a senior aide.

Morocco has been excluded from the summit because of its occupation of the Western Sahara, African political sources said.

Spain ceded the phosphate-rich territory to Morocco and Mauritania in 1976 but Mauritania withdrew from its part of the territory last summer. The Algerian-backed Polisario Front is fighting Morocco for Western Saharan independence.

The sources said that by excluding Morocco from the summit the other six countries were backing the Polisario Front.

The summit was expected to review a proposed friendship and non-aggression pact worked out by foreign ministers earlier this week. The pact laid down guidelines on political, economic and defense cooperation, the sources said.

Eritreans repel Ethiopian attack

BEIRUT, March 9 (R) — Eritrean guerrillas said here Sunday they drove back and inflicted heavy casualties on Ethiopian forces in a fierce battle last Tuesday.

A spokesman for the Eritrean Liberation Front — Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC) said the Ethiopian force lost 89 men in the attack. Ethiopians wounded were estimated at 127 soldiers, he added.

The spokesman said the three-hour battle erupted when the Ethiopian force, supported by 20 tanks and air cover, tried to attack guerrilla positions in the townships of Elafada, Gahet and Asrai in the northern part of Eritrea.

The Ethiopian troops retreated in "complete disarray" to Mal-Himemit, on the coast, he added.

Death agreement brings 10-week marriage to end

BEIRUT, March 9 (AP) — After a 10-week marriage, George and Aida Debs decided they could neither live on together nor part with one another, Lebanon's attorney general has reported.

In their desperation, he said, the pair agreed that suicide was their only way out. Aida was quicker to the poison pills, which stunned the anguished husband who didn't expect his bride to keep her part of the death accord.

Aida swallowed the pills, walked to a tree in the garden of the house, and there she sat until death ended her agony, the newspaper *Al-Anwar* said.

The "weaking" groom decided he couldn't survive with a guilty conscience and swallowed some pills in a futile attempt to take his own life, the paper said.

But the husband was rescued when his neighbors moved him to Saint Joseph Hospital, 15 miles north of Beirut.

He survived to face the charge of inciting his bride to commit suicide. Attorney General Maurice Khazam said the husband was under arrest, "having confessed his guilt."

Khazam refused to disclose any further details.



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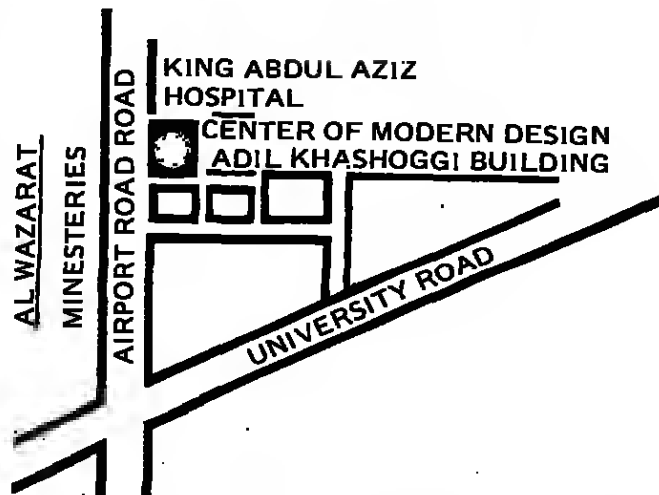


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U.S. faces possible Argentine defeat

LONDON, March 9 (R) — The United States faces the almost unbelievable possibility of defeat by Argentina in the Davis Cup American zone final in Buenos Aires after a shock win by Jose Luis Clerc over John McEnroe Saturday.

Clerc, the Argentina number two, beat McEnroe 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 13-11 in a match completed Saturday to give Argentina a 2-0 lead following Guillermo Vilas' 7-5, 6-4, 6-3 win over Brian Gottfried in the opening singles match Friday.

With Clerc and Vilas preferring to rest before Sunday's singles rather than play in the doubles Saturday the United States won the match to pull back their deficit to 2-1.

But Argentina, who has never won the Davis Cup, now needs to take only one of the reverse singles Sunday to bring off one of the biggest upsets in the history of the competition by eliminating the United States, who has captured the trophy 26 times.

McEnroe and Peter Fleming scored the Americans' doubles win, beating Ricardo Cano and Carlos Gattiker 6-0, 6-0, 6-4.

Sydney's Hil Dent steered Australia to an

In Davis Cup play

unassailable three-one lead over New Zealand in the Davis Cup Eastern zone final at Brisbane's Milton Center Saturday.

Dent wrapped up the tie, beating New Zealand's Chris Lewis in straight sets 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 in the first of the reverse singles.

His triumph followed his five sets win over Onny Parun on Saturday and his three sets victory with John Alexander in the doubles over Lewis and Russell Simpson.

Dent secured the vital break in the tenth game to take the first set 6-4 and then walked away with the match.

After taking the first set Dent appeared to completely dominate Lewis's game.

He brought up match point very unusual circumstances.

With the scores at 30-all in the eighth game, Dent lost his footing and stumbled backwards.

However, Lewis twice hit the ball straight back at him, while he was on the ground, for Dent to finally take the point.

"I'd given up on the point but Chris, who must have been watching the ball and not me, hit it straight back at me twice — I couldn't

believe it when it came back for the second time for me to bring up match point."

A despondent Lewis, who celebrated his 23rd birthday on Sunday, said he didn't expect Dent to play so well.

Romania beat Austria 3-2 in their Davis Cup European zone B, quarter-final tennis tie Saturday and now meets Britain in the semi-finals.

After Austria had taken one of the two first two singles and lost the doubles, experienced Hans Kary dragged his country back to 2-2 after a marathon five-hour duel with 17-year-old Florian Segarceanu which the Austrian won 6-1, 3-6, 2-6, 15-13, 7-5.

But then Ilie Nastase of Romania came on court and as expected crushed Robert Reiniger, substituting for the injured Austrian number one Peter Feigl, in straight sets 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Spain took a 2-1 lead over West Germany winning the double to their Davis Cup European zone, a quarter final tennis tie.

France took a winning 3-0 lead over Finland in the European 'B' quarterfinals when Jean Louis Haillet and Gilles Moreton defeated Leo Palin and Joakim Berner 6-0, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4, in the doubles match.

Riyadh nears finals

Upsets hit Khobar tennis

AL KHOBAR, March 9 — While unseeded Ty Fine and Katie Mehlenbeck dropped top-seeded Abu Bakr and Cynthia Copeland in the top flight, eight other unseeded mixed doubles battled in four other finals of the 1980 Khobar Tennis Tournament.

Fine and Mehlenbeck squeezed out a first set tie-breaker 8-6 and then went on to a convincing 6-3 win in the second set. Fine's service and Mehlenbeck's power and net play were too much for Bakr, UPM tennis pro, and Copeland.

Other results made a shambles of pre-tournament seeding as a crowd of 120 watched the finalists battle each other and the wind at the OGEA courts. Sami and Arpi Sawaya topped Bob and Diane Kilgore, who had previously defeated the number one team, 7-5, 6-3 in the second flight finals. In the closest match of the day, Abdul Rahman and Sahadullah bested Shijz and Lonigan 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 to win the third flight.

The six-week-long 1980 Khobar Tennis Tournament continues this weekend with ladies doubles at the Northrup-Al Khobar compound courts. Finals begin at 12:30 p.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. March 14 with flight

one finals.

In Riyadh, Abastillas joins the last sixteen by defeating Ikendue in two straight sets 6-0, 6-0.

A surprising Kim Dong Ok turned back Frost 6-1, 6-1 and will not meet no. 2 seed McGinnis in the fourth round. The only four non-seeded players among the last sixteen are Abastillas, halabik, Kim Dong Ok and Kozborski.

Further results of the 3rd round matches

were:

Kachani g	St	Yuska	6-4, 6-4
Turt	St	Chiv	6-3, 6-4
Correll	St	Thiemann	6-2, 6-2
Kozz	St	Nasr	7-0, 7-0
McGinnis	St	Reimer	6-1, 6-1

The last four 4th round matches are scheduled for Monday starting at 5 p.m. All four matches promise to be very exciting and should bring in crowds of spectators.

From quarterfinals onwards all matches will be played on court 1 respectively quarter finals on Tuesday and Wednesday at 5 and 7 p.m. Semi-finals on Thursday at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. and the final on Friday at 4 p.m.

U.S. Sports Briefs

NEW YORK, March 9 (UPI) — Johnny Miller takes a 2 shot lead over Mike Hill into the final round of the \$ 300,000 Inverrary Golf Classic after firing a 6-under par 66 Saturday.

Kathy Postlewait moved to a 1 stroke lead over Debbie Massey after 2 rounds of the \$ 125,000 LPGA Golf Classic at Los Angeles.

Bernardo Mercado of Colombia scored a 7th-round TKO over top-ranked heavyweight Earnie Shavers in a World Boxing Council match at Mac Afee, New Jersey. In college basketball:

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	2	Edmonton	4
	5	New York Rangers	2

Japanese favor joining Olympics

TOKYO, March 9 (AP) — A public poll by the nationally circulated newspaper *Asahi Shimbun* showed Monday that 55 per cent of the persons questioned opposed the boycott of the Moscow Olympic Games.

Among the persons who opposed the boycott, more than half of them said the Olympics should not be used as a tool of politics, *Asahi* said.

Asahi questioned 3,000 Japanese adults chosen at random throughout the nation March 5-6.

Asked whether they favor or oppose the boycott of the Moscow Olympics, 55 per cent of those polled were against and 22 per cent were for. The rest did not reply or made other answers, *Asahi* said.

Amaya reaches Washington finals

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) — No. 6 seed Victor Amaya used his big serve to defeat No. 8 Elliot Teltscher 6-3, 6-4 Saturday to power himself into the finals of a \$125,000 men's tennis tournament.

Amaya meets the winner of Saturday's match between third-seeded Eddie Dibbs and No. 7 Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia in the Sunday final.

Amaya, a left-hander, pounded 14 aces and seven service winners in strong-arming Teltscher, who has suffered from the flu since being here and showed signs of its effect.

Amaya ran into trouble in the first set of the bout-long match in 'in game seven when Teltscher reached service break point, but Amaya reached back and nailed an ace for deuce, a service miss for the advantage and another ace to hold his service and a 4-3 score.

Teltscher was broken in the next game when Amaya hit two service return winners, one of Teltscher's backhands went awry and then the loser netted a forehand to give Amaya a 5-3 lead. Amaya then served out the first set victory.

"He seemed to be suffering from the flu because he didn't want to rally," said Amaya who defeated the No. 2 seed, Harold Solomon, to reach the semifinal round.

Martina Navratilova defeated Britain's

Meanwhile the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) is expected to support the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) stance over the Moscow Olympics at a two-day council meeting starting in Paris Monday.

IAAF secretary John Holt said recently that his organization would take the cue from the IOC who last month in Lake Placid resisted a U.S. move to have the Moscow games switched to another venue to protest at Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

In addition, Adrian Paulen, the IAAF president, is known to be firmly in favor of going to Moscow next July and August.

The most contentious item before the meeting is likely to be a general discussion on amateurism.

Virginia Wade Saturday night and gained a berth in the finals of the \$150,000 Dallas women's professional tennis tournament she won in 1979.

Navratilova, the world's top-ranked woman player, needed only 52 minutes to pick up the 6-1, 6-4 victory, extending her domination over the tall London star who now lives in New York.

Australian Dianne Fromholtz and Evonne Cawley played on a later match for the right to advance against Navratilova in the championship match.

"Everything I did clicked for what she wanted to do," lamented Wade who said she felt sharp going into the match. "When she is good as that, she is terrific."

Navratilova, who beat Chris Evert-Lloyd for the crown last year said she played into Wade's backhand.

"I went out there confident. I like to play against her because of her good rhythm and forehand, which enables me to play into her backhand," said Navratilova, a Czech native who now lives in Dallas.

The champion quickly broke Wade's service and moved ahead in the first set, aces to go 4-1, broke Wade's service again and then aces her the final point after only 20 minutes.

Navratilova broke serve again in the second set.

Chappell boosts Australia test score

FAISALABAD, March 9 (AP) — The Australians were 478 for the loss of five wickets at the close of the second day's play of the second test between Australia and Pakistan.

Graham Yallop and Rodney Marsh

Experience triumphs

LONDON, March 9 (R) — Britain's Jonah Barrington, 39 next month, gave 22 years and a lesson in determination to Jahangir Khan of Pakistan in the British Open Squash Championship third round here Saturday.

Six-time champion Barrington needed all his court craft, skill and fitness to beat the 16-year-old world amateur title holder 9-3, 4-9, 9-7, 9-0.

After losing the second game and trailing 1-6 and 3-7 in the third, Barrington's bid to reach the quarter-finals for the 14th successive time seemed about to end. But when the pressure was really on Barrington broke down Jahangir's resistance and booked a last eight clash against world champion Geoff Hunt of Australia.

Hunt, aiming for a record-equaling seventh open title, made several mistakes in the first and third games but still beat South African number one Roland Watson 9-6, 9-0, 5-9, 9-1.

Nigeria starts Africa Cup quest

ABIDJAN, March 9 (R) — Nigeria beat Tanzania 3-1 in the opening match of the 12th African soccer cup in Lagos, Radio Lagos reported.

Half-time score in the group one match was 2-0.

Nigerian President Shehu Shagari opened the finals of the 12th African Soccer Cup Saturday after urging the home team to win their opening match against Tanzania.

He told the Nigerian team, Green Eagles at their training headquarters last night that they must win the cup of African Unity.

The cup was donated by the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa to replace the original trophy which Ghana kept in 1978 after a third victory.

La Gen. Mustapha of Egypt donated the original cup at the inception of the biennial tournament in 1957.

Eagles skipper Christian Chukwu told the president his visit would motivate the players.

Nigeria came last in the 1978 finals in Ghana. But under the captaincy of chairman Chukwu, the 29 year-old midfielder star who led the team to success in the all-Africa soccer championship here in 1973, the team is favored to win.

Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Egypt and Tanzania are competing in group one here and Algeria, Ghana, Guinea and Morocco in group two in Ibadan.

The group two fixtures open Sunday with matches between Ghana, the holders and Algeria, the third all-Africa soccer champions.

Ivory Coast meets Egypt in the second group one match and in group two Guinea plays Morocco at Ibadan's 45,000 capacity Liberty Stadium.

Meanwhile, Singapore created a sensational upset when they defeated China 1-0 in the pre-Olympics Asia group three soccer tournament.

With this win, Singapore has earned a final berth against Iran on Wednesday.

There was no score at half-time.

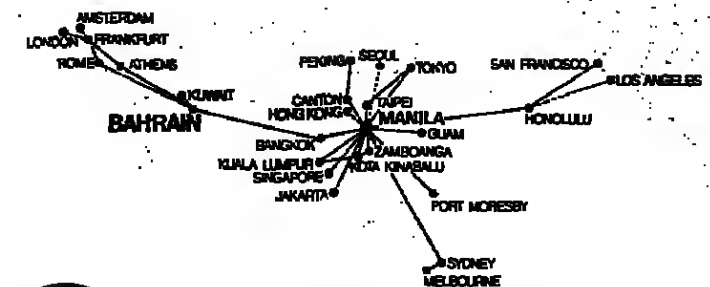
Singapore, despite being on the defensive for most of the match, absorbed all the Chinese pressure. But they eventually got their winning goal in the 69th minute during a goal-mouth melee involving no less than a dozen players. Muhammad Noh sharply relayed the ball to the onrushing Wong Kok Choy who headed past Chinese goalkeeper Li Fusheng.

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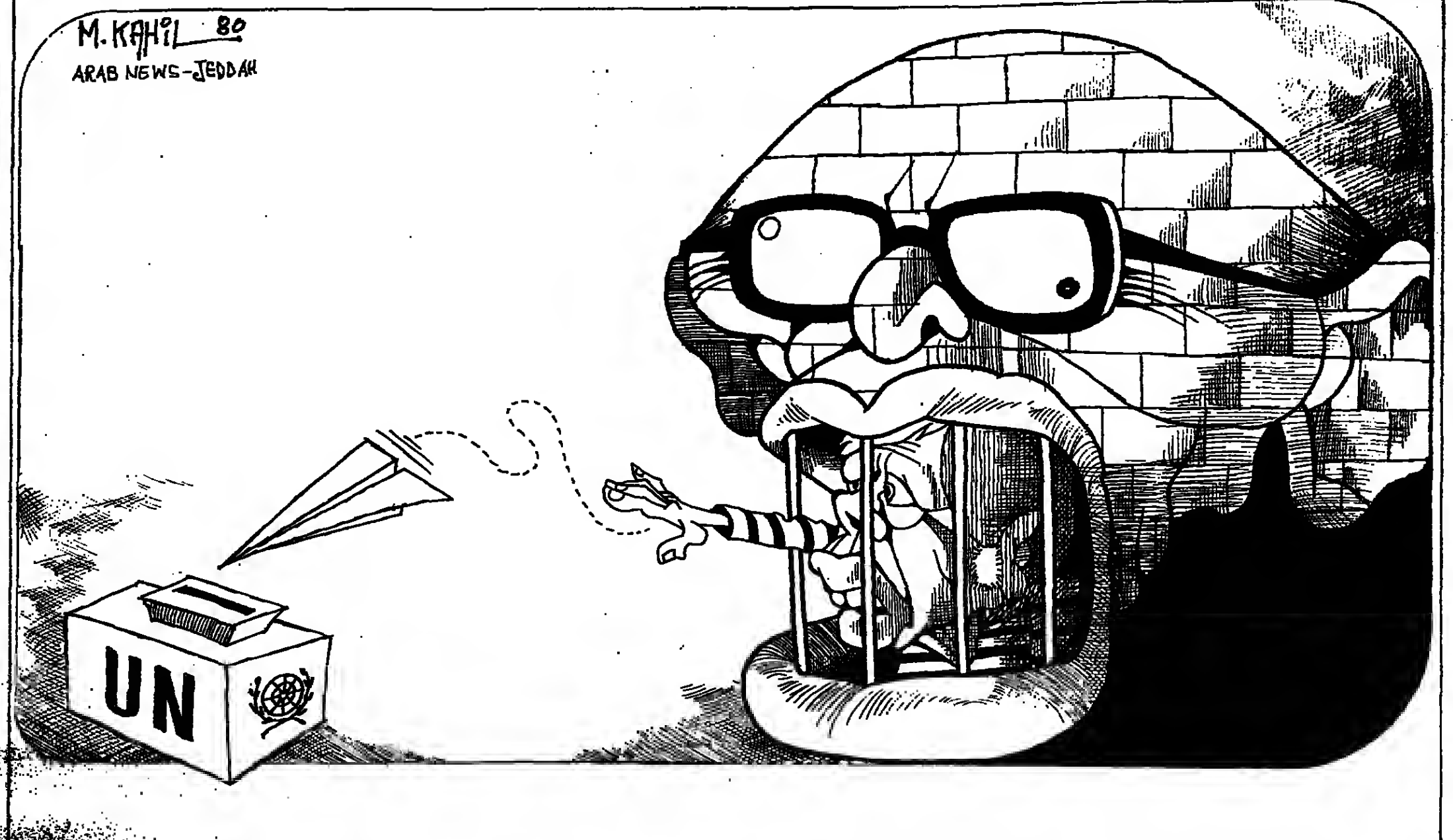
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The Sharett Diaries: The Gaza raid February 1955 (III)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third of a series of articles based on the *Diaries of Moshe Sharett*, which have not yet been published outside Israel and which reveal the power struggle which went on within the Israeli establishment in the early years of the Jewish state).

By Michael Adams

At the beginning of 1955, although he was still nominally head of the government of Israel, Moshe Sharett was aware that authority was slipping from his grasp. In particular, he knew that a powerful group of men bound by close personal ties to David Ben Gurion (Sharett's predecessor as prime minister, who was to thrust him aside again before the end of the year) were bent on undermining his policy of trying to reach an accommodation with Egypt.

This policy had been jeopardized in 1954 by the Lavon affair, which exposed the activities of an Israeli spy ring in Egypt whose aim had been to discredit Nasser's regime in the eyes of the Western powers. It was a relief to Sharett therefore to find that, despite the Lavon affair and the alarming irresponsibility of which he complained in those responsible for Israel's security, Nasser was still prepared to open negotiations. As he recorded in his diary, Sharett learned through contacts with the CIA during February 1955 that

"...the Cairo trials (of the Israeli secret agents) notwithstanding, Nasser is as ready to meet us as before. The initiative is now up to Israel."

At the same time Israel's ambassador to Washington, Abba Eban, reported that

"The U.S. is ready to sign an agreement with us whereby, in return for a commitment on our part not to extend our borders by force, it will commit itself to come to our assistance if we are attacked."

For Sharett this was tempting; but as soon as the activists learn about it, the pressures on Sharett start to mount. For what the activists are anxious above all to avoid is any commitment, either to Egypt or to the United States, that will limit Israel's freedom of action and deny it the opportunity—for which Ben Gurion and Dayan are constantly seeking—of further territorial expansion. Nothing, and certainly not Sharett, will be allowed to stand in the way of this.

Sharett, in any case, has almost served the purpose for which he had been appointed: that of providing a respectable facade behind which the war party could pursue their aims without detection. Now they are ready to resume direct control of events. As a first step, Sharett is forced to accept Ben Gurion's return to the government as minister of defense, replacing Lavon (who has been made

the scapegoat—only just as it later emerges—for the fiasco of the spy ring in Egypt).

The entry in Sharett's diary for Feb. 27, 1955 records his apprehension at the manner of Ben Gurion's reappearance:

"Ben Gurion arrived in my office accompanied by the Chief of Staff (Dayan) whose hands were full of rolled up maps. I understood at once what was to be the subject of discussion. He proposed a strike at an Egyptian army base on the outskirts of the city of Gaza..."

Sharett is still technically in charge, still prime minister, but his new minister of defense is showing little respect for his authority: the raid, already planned in meticulous detail, is to be carried out the very next day. Sharett, despite his misgivings, gives his approval, influenced partly by Ben Gurion's assurance that the Egyptian casualties are not likely to be more than "about ten" and that, if the Egyptians are obliged enough to run away, "there may be no bloodshed at all."

The Gaza raid—which was to mark a crucial turning point in Israel's relations with the Arab world—duly took place on Feb. 28, 1955; but when the casualty figures revealed the true scale of the operation, Sharett realized that once again he had been deceived. As his diary entry for March 1, shows, he was immediately aware that Ben Gurion and Dayan, while keeping him in ignorance (and, indeed, deliberately misleading him), had taken a step which had far-reaching implications for the future of his government and of the country:

"I am shocked. The number of Egyptian victims (39 Egyptians had been killed and 30 wounded, including a 7-year-old boy) alters not only the dimensions of the operation but its very substance, making it liable to cause grave political complications and dangers."

Sharett finds that Ben Gurion has already authorized the publication of a communiqué, clearly prepared in advance, which bears no relation to the facts but gives:

"a false account according to which one of our units, after being attacked inside our own territory, pursued the attackers and engaged them in what developed into a battle. Who is going to believe us?"

Faced with the familiar dilemma of whether or not to give vent to his indignation, but knowing that to denounce the culprits will bring discredit on his own government and damage Israel's international reputation, Sharett hesitates for a moment before joining in the deception. But then he improves upon it, seeding out to Israeli embassies abroad elaborate instructions (which he reproduces in his diary) to put to the foreign press a series of arguments which he acknowledges to be false. When their falsehood is exposed, he is indignant:

"When I dispatched these instructions I had no idea of the strength of the evidence which refutes our official version: the facts which have already been publicized about the huge amount of arms and explosives we employed... the mining of the approach roads, the precision of the logistics and coordination. Who would be foolish enough to believe that such a complex operation could 'develop' out of a routine clash?"

Among the arguments he tells the embassies to put to the foreign press is the argument that incidents like the Gaza "battle" arise out of Israel's anxiety over the current moves to build an alliance (the Baghdad Pact) between the West and the Arab world. Here Sharett is aware that he is on dangerous ground and the embassies are to be warned that

"The last argument needs very careful handling, in the sense that it should not be attributed to us and must be confined only to the most loyal commentators, who must be warned not to let it appear that their information comes from our (Israeli) sources."

Israel has never experienced much difficulty in finding "loyal commentators" in the international press who were ready to help in disseminating misleading accounts of events in the Middle East. (Sharett's diaries contain repeated references showing the extent to which Israel relied on this secret weapon to win the propaganda battle with the Arabs.) But what was important about the Gaza raid was not the fact that it could be misrepresented abroad as another instance of Israeli "retaliation" against a mythical Arab "aggression". What was vitally important was the effect the raid had on the prospects for some kind of accommodation between Israel and its Arab neighbors, and particularly between Israel and Nasser's Egypt.

In Sharett, Nasser believed that he had found a possible interlocutor. Even after the Lavon affair had exposed Israel's attempt to destabilize his regime and to discredit him in the eyes of the West, Nasser had signaled his belief (using the CIA as his intermediary) that it was possible for Egypt to come to terms with Israel. The Gaza raid convinced him that he was mistaken. From it, and from the way it was misrepresented to the outside world; Nasser deduced—correctly—that it was Ben Gurion and not Sharett who was calling the tune in Israel, and that Ben Gurion's aim was not to make peace but on the contrary to provoke another confrontation with the Arabs, in order to complete the conquest of Palestine which had been partially achieved in 1948.

That this second deduction was also correct is made very clear in Sharett's diaries and it explains the unwillingness of the Israelis (including Sharett) to accept the offer which the Americans now renewed of a security pact with Israel. The Ameri-

cans, like the Egyptians, were very disturbed by the Gaza raid. They saw it, coming as it did immediately after the return to the government of Ben Gurion, as a clear indication that the war party was in the ascendant again in Israel and would shortly embark on a new military adventure. To forestall this, the Americans were anxious to obtain from Israel an undertaking not to try to extend their borders by force, in exchange for which the United States would guarantee the security of Israel against any attack by the Arabs.

The Israelis unhesitatingly rejected the offer—not even Sharett dissenting—for reasons which were frankly stated by Dayan at a meeting on May 26 to which Sharett summoned the Israeli ambassadors to Washington, London and Paris. This is how Sharett summarized Dayan's arguments in his diary that evening:

"We do not need a security pact with the U.S.: such a pact will only be a handicap for us. In reality, we face no danger at all from the Arabs' military power... On the other hand, the 'reprisal' actions are vital to us. Above all, they enable us to maintain a high degree of tension among our population and in the army. Without these actions we would cease to be a fighting nation, the settlers would start to leave the settlements. We must tell these settlers that the U.S. and Britain want to take the Neger from us. It is essential to convince our young people that we are in danger."

The argument was a cynical one and Sharett, conscious that he was losing control of events, was uneasily aware of where all this was leading. His diary continues:

"The implications of Dayan's words are clear: this state has no international obligations... there can be no question of peace. Israel must plot its course narrowly and live by the sword. It must see the sword as the principal and only means of maintaining its morale. To this end it may—no, it must—invent dangers which do not exist, and to 'do this it must adopt the tactics of provocation and revenge. Above all—we must hope for a new war with the Arab countries, so that at least we can get the space we need. (Dayan reminded us that B.G. (Ben Gurion) himself has said it would be worth our while to pay an Arab a million pounds to start a war with us.)"

Ben Gurion and Dayan were to have their war in the following year, when the problem of how to get it started was simplified for them by the Suez crisis. For them, Nasser's quarrel with the West over the Suez Canal was a godsend. With the Gaza raid, they had already plotted Israel's course toward war with Egypt. All that was lacking was a pretext; and in the muddy waters surrounding the Suez crisis they were able to find one.

(To be continued tomorrow)

EUROPE'S M.E. INITIATIVE

The growing conviction in Egypt regarding the ultimate failure of the talks with Israel over Palestinian autonomy is beginning to be echoed in the Egyptian press. Egyptian papers have been given the green light so far as it concerns attacks on Israel's intransigence and expansionism, subjects which have been taboo up to now. President Sadat himself weighed Saturday with an interview with an American newspaper, in which he declared that he considers the official date for the expiry of the talks, May 26, binding and final: that there will be no extensions.

The rest of the Arab governments are hardly surprised. Their view when Sadat launched his initiative is by now vindicated: Israel aimed at nothing but the isolation of Egypt from the Arab world, so that it can carry on its annexationist designs on the West Bank unhindered. It hardly needed the two years of Israeli prevarications and obstructionism to demonstrate this—two years which cost the Arab world dearly in bitterness and division. After the dramas of Sadat's visit to Jerusalem and the Camp David talks, then the peace treaty with Israel and the endless rounds of talk over Palestinian autonomy, Egypt finds itself back in square one.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Butros Ghali came very near to admitting this when he said that Egypt was considering several alternatives to the present process of settlement. It is also known that the visit to Cairo by the West German foreign minister and his talks with President Sadat came as a part of the new initiative which the Western European powers are known to be preparing.

The most dramatic sign of this initiative was the visit to some Arab countries of the French President Giscard d'Estaing and his clear declaration there for the rights of the Palestinian people represented by the Palestine Liberation Organization. In addition to the welcome extended by Arabs everywhere for this long overdue change in the European position, there were calls, notably from King Hussein of Jordan for this to find immediate translation into concrete steps for a fully fledged peace initiative.

highlighted the Egyptian people's opposition to the Sadat regime and a two-day strike declared by Cairo airport workers in protest against the landing of the Israeli plane.

In an editorial, *Al Medina* dwelled on coherence between the monarch and his people. It expressed the citizens' joy over King Khaled's recovery and implored God to grant lasting health and vigor to the monarch, so that he continues to provide a spur to the many-sided development in the country and further help in consolidating Arab and Muslim solidarity.

Commenting on Cairo demonstrations in protest against the normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel, *Al Jazirah* said these demonstrations and the protest of Al-Azhar University were only a prelude to a big storm that is going to go up the Sadat regime. The paper added that the Egyptian people would never accept an attack on their Arabism

and Islamic faith and would not remain a silent onlooker at the Israeli flag fluttering over Cairo. The storm will continue to rage until the present regime is doomed and Egypt returns to its Arab and Islamic fold, it said.

Al Riyadh said the demonstrations provided clear testimony to the fact that the present regime in Egypt has dug its own grave and is now dragging itself toward its final collapse. The paper scoffed at the Egyptian official's claim of democracy and asked whether their support for the Jewish settlements of besieging of the refugee camps in the occupied territory and the sacrifice of holy shrines represented the nature of democracy they claimed. Egypt's big lie of a détente has begun to expose itself now, as opposition gains ground exposing the Egyptian officials for their conspiracies against their own people and faith, said the paper.

Al Bilad also concentrated its editorial on the same subject, say-

ing the Egyptian regime made a mistake when it considered that its capitulation and normalization of relations with Israel will weaken Islam in the country and will make Al-Azhar bow down before the Israeli flag. The paper reaffirmed that the Islamic sentiments of the Egyptian people will turn into a strong current that will sweep anyone trying to hand over their homeland to the "enemies of history and the assassins of God's Prophet". The Egyptian people's outrage shows the real nature of their Arab and Islamic character and it will one day bring about an end to this normalization process, it added.

Dealing with the national reconciliation in Lebanon, *Okaz* said it has become indispensable in the light of the changing political situation in the country. The paper laid stress on achieving national unity, considering it as a strong barrier in the face of an explosive situation. It held the

conviction that Lebanon was capable of resolving its problems through the realization of a rapprochement and reconciliation among the different forces. The paper said it was the responsibility of the legitimate authority in the country to employ the favorable situation in such a way as to guarantee peace and security and its own control over the whole territory of Lebanon.

Al Nadwa concerned itself with King Khaled's speech read by the Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments at the Islamic Endowments Ministers' conference in Mecca Saturday. It said the monarch once again stressed solidarity as the only way to liberate the occupied territory. The King's reaffirmation of the Saudi Arabian stance on Arab and Islamic matters confirms once again that the people of Saudi Arabia and all other Islamic and Arab peoples stand solidly in the face of Zionist plots.

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Al Yom and Okaz Sunday led with King Khaled's reaffirmation that Jerusalem is the prime issue of Muslims and Arabs. *Al Jazirah* led with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's impending departure to Rabat to attend the meetings of the Jerusalem Committee headed by Morocco's King Hassan II. In a lead *Al Riyadh* covered French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's visit to Riyadh which takes place Monday. In a lead *Al Medina* asked whether France will recognize the rights of the Palestinian people to an independent state within the initiative of President Giscard d'Estaing.

Al Medina frontpaged the statement of the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani that Saudi Arabia was concerned for unifying the oil prices and was not studying an increase in its production. The newspapers played as a front-page story discussions between the French President and King Hussein of Jordan. They also



"Carter froze Iranian assets; Sadat did the same with the Arab assets. But, strangely, Sadat surprised Carter in backing away from Arab rights".

Al Medina

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BEDOUIN JEWELLERY IN SAUDI ARABIA

Heather Ross

Heather Ross plans a new book

Another valuable history

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH. — A woman whose hobby resulted in the first comprehensive analysis of Bedouin Jewellery of the Arabian Peninsula is about to produce another book. This time the subject will be costumes and in the words of the author, Heather Ross, the story of costumes "is just as exciting as that of jewellery."

Miss Ross studied, wrote and also did much of the photography for her "Bedouin Jewellery to Saudi Arabia" which was published in 1978. It is a richly presented volume of 128 pages with over 30 color plates of Bedouin Jewellery, all from the author's own collection. It also includes a number of sketches of early Bedouin life and customs. Throughout, the illustrations are accompanied by a detailed text explaining the historical and other influences which resulted in the particular designs of the Jewellery and why they came into existence.

Just as the book grew out of what originally was a "housewife's hobby", Miss Ross's new work is an extension of her love for and fascination with the art and tradition of the Arabian Peninsula.

"The story of costumes is just as exciting as the Jewellery because the people of the Arabian Peninsula were such traditionalists," says Miss Ross. "The true Arabs came from the Arabian Peninsula. With conquests and trade the language and religion spread, but the true Arabs remained those of the Peninsula, particularly those of the Najd."

"The Najd is my real interest. That's where you hear the purest Arabic spoken, that's where the true Arabian horse came from,

that's where the purest expression of all things comes from. It's like that with the Jewellery and it's the same with the costumes."

Miss Ross has completed her study for the book, which she thinks will probably be called "Traditional Costumes of Arabia," and is now preparing the text and photographs from which sketches will be taken. There is no set publication date although it is hoped it may be out by the end of the year. The project took her to all corners of the Peninsula, all around the Middle East and even as far afield as London.

"The book will cover the history of the costumes of the people of this region," says Miss Ross. "It will cover men, women and children. To me the costumes are definitely an art and much more personal than Jewellery. A silversmith always made the Jewellery. The costumes were generally made by the people themselves."

Miss Ross sees the costumes as both practical and beautiful. She also traces how outside influences, such as those which followed with the trade routes, shaped the costumes and how, in their turn, the costumes of Arabia influenced the outside world.

"The style of clothing which developed on the Peninsula reflected both the climate and lifestyle of the region," says Miss Ross, "but it also shows the influence of the trade routes."

"The people were very fond of layering clothes and the number of layers was usually determined by wealth. One of the layers was likely to be trousers and these were brought in along the trade routes from the nomadic

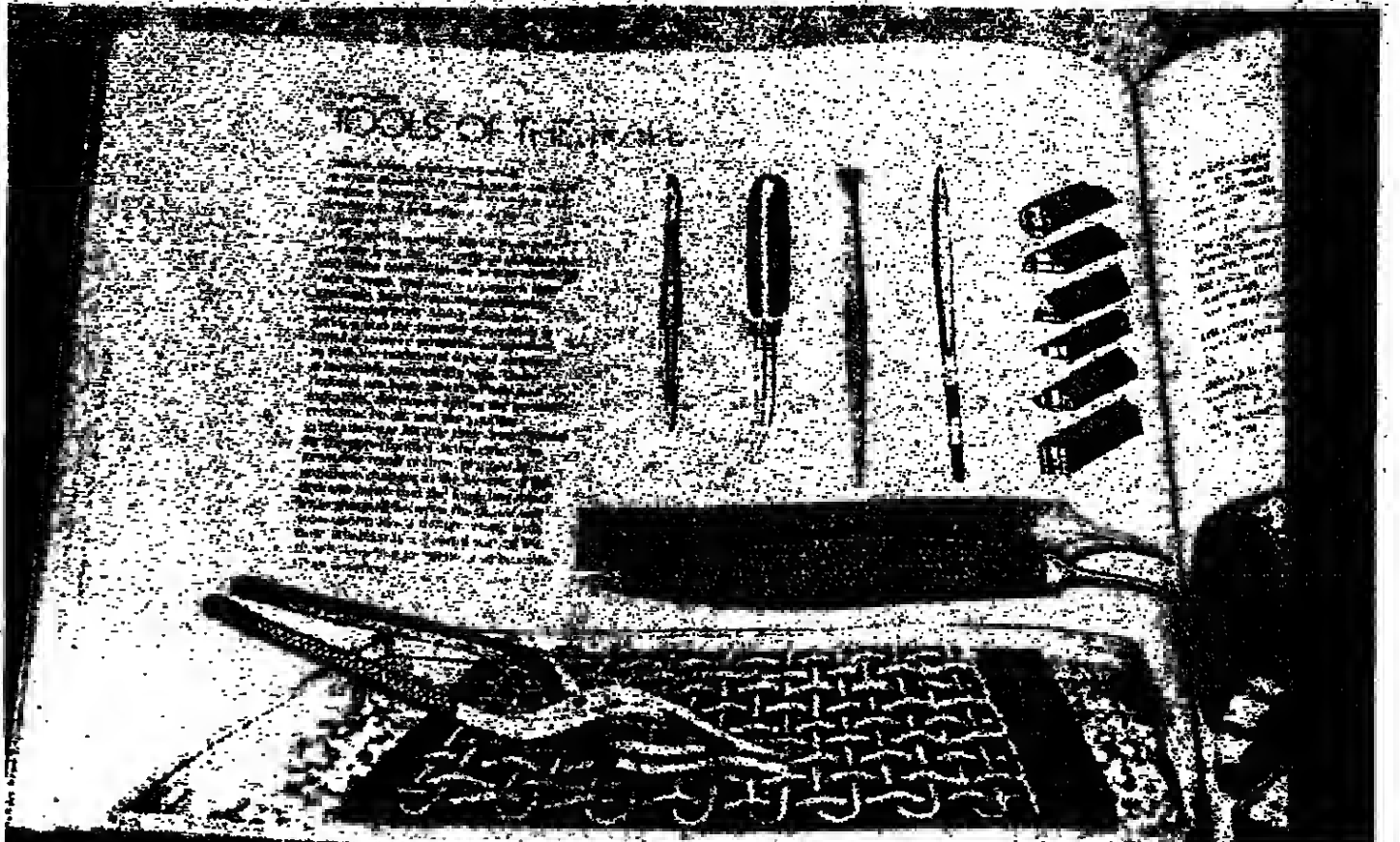
tribes of Central Asia. "Another interesting point is that the people didn't have much furniture, such as chairs, so when they relaxed they either reclined or sat tailor fashion. The clothes reflect this by being garments which usually drop gracefully from the shoulders and radiate out."

"Also, in the mountain regions the caftans were more inclined to have narrow sleeves while in the desert or border areas the caftans grew wide, and had much broader sleeves to let in the breeze."

Miss Ross says it is this caftan style, or thobe, which has been the Peninsula's gift to the world. "It originated in the Middle East and today it is worn world wide," she says.

Miss Ross, who lives in Riyadh and has lived in Saudi Arabia for over 22 years, recalls that her interest in local Jewellery and costumes started as a hobby but now almost fills her life. As an area of study it has been rich and rewarding. "Those aspects of the art of the Peninsula have been ignored by history books," she says, "mainly because it was so inaccessible. In one book on costumes of the world the Peninsula is ignored and even the British Museum's publication "Jewellery Through 7000 Years" has no mention of the Peninsula. Yet it is this same isolation which has kept the art so pure."

Those interested in the art and craft of the region are eagerly awaiting the publication of the new book and describe her research and documentation work as invaluable. Miss Ross says her work is important in that it is a document of the heritage of the Peninsula. She adds modestly that all she is really doing is "just enjoying my hobby."



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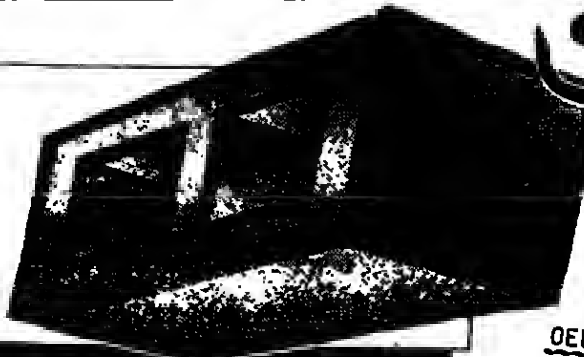
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Polls favor nationalists

Basques to elect first home-rule parliament

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, March 9 (R) — Nationalists are expected to top the polls when Spanish Basques elect their first home-rule parliament Sunday.

The 60-seat assembly, established under an autonomy statute approved in a referendum last October will assume local control in a region beset by political violence and a deepening economic crisis.

Opinion polls predicted the moderate Basque Nationalist Party would confirm its standing as the region's main party, but would fail to win an absolute majority.

More radical Basque groups are also expected to poll well.

Nationalists are deeply divided over how to halt violence, which has taken 28 lives this year in the region. The Separatist Group ETA has claimed responsibility for 18 of the killings and ultra-rightists opposed to any form of decentralization have been responsible for most of the others.

PNV leader Carlos Garaioa has called for a "historic embrace" between Basques to end violence and restore the region's

lost prosperity.

The economic crisis has hit the Basque country, Spain's most industrialized region. Unemployment is now running at 17 per cent, well above the national average. But ETA supporters in the radical coalition Herri Batasuna (Union of the People) have already denounced the local parliament as "a ghost institution" and announced they would not take up any seats they win.

A Herri Batasuna leader, Jokin Gorostidi, told Reuter the group was prepared for a dialogue with the PNV but would continue to support other forms of pressure, including armed struggle. "Most of us came from ETA. We learnt politics with machineguns in our hands," he said.

The election will show whether the coalition retains the support of 15 per cent of Basques who voted for it in a general election a year ago.

Tomorrow's poll, in which just over 1.5 million people in the three Basque provinces are eligible to vote, will be a major test of the standing of the two biggest national parties.

Accused of inconsistency

Soviets pepper Carter's stand on SALT

MOSCOW, March 9 (R) — The Soviet Union hinted that it would not feel bound to observe the SALT II treaty unless the United States ratified it.

The treaty on Strategic Arms Limitation, setting ceilings on the nuclear might of both powers, was signed in Vienna last June by President Carter and Soviet leader Leonid

Brezhnev, but so far neither side has ratified it.

Carter asked the Senate to delay consideration of the treaty when the Soviet Union sent its troops into Afghanistan.

But on Friday, he told Congress that he still intended to ask for its approval.

The official Soviet news agency Tass,

the ruling Union of the Democratic Center (UCD) and the opposition Spanish Workers Socialist Party (PSOE).

They respectively took 17 and 19 per cent of the votes here last year. The UCD suffered a setback ten days ago in a regional vote on autonomy plans for southern Andalusia, and opinion polls predicted that the PSOE would lose votes to leftwing national parties.

Political sources said a nationalist victory would increase pressure on Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez to speed up the devolution of PSOE to the new assembly and make more concessions to the Basques.

This could provoke anger in conservative sectors of the military and police who fear regional autonomy could lead to the breakup of Spain.

The PNV has not said how it plans to govern if, as expected, it fails to win an absolute majority. A strong showing of Herri Batasuna and the other main nationalist party Euzkadi Euskerra (the Basque Left) could push to increase its demands on the Madrid government.

reporting from Washington on the president's message, accused him of being inconsistent and unpredictable. It went on to criticize as worthless a pledge by the White House that the U.S. would still observe the terms of the treaty even if it could not yet be ratified. "Who needs gestures of this sort?" Tass asked.

"Who will believe in the sincerity of Washington when it has assumed certain treaty obligations but refuses to endorse them according to established law?"

"And who can rely on Washington's oral assurances at a time when it so easily disavows its signature under dozens of international agreements?"

Tass concluded with a broad hint that Moscow would not be prepared to regard the treaty as having come into force until ratification was complete.

"It should be clear that the SALT II treaty will enter into force in no other way than following ratification by the legislative bodies of the sides which signed it," it said.

Since President Carter's request to the Senate to delay ratification, the Soviet press has taken the line that President Carter had effectively sabotaged the ratification process much earlier.

Even before the end of 1979, when the end of the Senate debate was still in sight, there were signs that the Kremlin believed congressional opposition was being staged by the White House.

Moscow accused President Carter of using the SALT II ratification to win approval of new weapons programs.



Joseph Stalin

MOSCOW, March 9 (AP) — Somewhere near Moscow, not far from the Kremlin where he once helped wield the reins of power, Vyacheslav Molotov will have turned 90 years old Sunday in the unique obscurity reserved for fallen Soviet chiefs.

At the peak of his power, as Joseph Stalin's faithful foreign affairs spokesman, Molotov had cities and factories named after him. His name was lent abroad to the homemade gasoline bomb, the "Molotov cocktail."

The bomb still bears his name. But nearly 25 years after Molotov fell from grace, the only official memory about his former service is a brief item in the great Soviet encyclopedia. Still, he seems to have fared better than some other surviving comrades from the Stalin days.

Georgi Malenkov and Lazar Kaganovich, top Stalin aides who with

Molotov turns 90
Famous Soviet ages in obscurity

Molotov were purged after the dictator's death by Nikita Khrushchev, have been entirely expunged from the Soviet record.

Neither is even mentioned in the encyclopedia and little is known of their fate since they were ousted from the Kremlin.

Molotov by contrast, was spotted by diplomats in November, strolling through Moscow zoo. The old Bolshevik was carrying a cane but seemed healthy and strong. He was wearing his trademark pince-nez pectacles and his familiar drooping mustache, the diplomats said, had gone snow white.

Previous to that, Molotov had been seen at the Lenin Library in Moscow studying old documents. There are reports that he completed his memoirs, but they have not been published.

The old man, widowed in 1970 and officially listed as a pensioner, is believed to divide his time between an apartment in Moscow and a dacha, or country cottage, near the capital sources close to his family said he was currently at the dacha.

His entry in the great Soviet encyclopedia, while brief and lacking in any detail, does carry no formal disapproval or criticism of his achievements. His former boss Stalin, by contrast, is accused of "gross violations of socialist legality," while Khrushchev, the man who purged Molotov as an "enemy of the party," is accused in "subjectivism and voluntarism."

However Soviet history comes to treat Molotov, western historians will probably remember him best as signer of the Soviet-Nazi Non-Aggression Pact with Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop and, after World War II, Stalin's cold war spokesman at international conferences.

His tough and inflexible behavior at negotiations earned him the nickname "Stalin's hammer" — a play on his name.

a Bolshevik pseudonym derived from the Russian word for hammer. Western diplomats also called him "old stone pants" because he could sit through hours of tedious talks without seeming to tire and without making concessions.

Born March 9, 1890, to a storekeeper named Scia, Molotov was an active revolutionary and after the Bolshevik came to power rose quickly through the ranks as a party organizer. He was one of Lenin's pallbearers — and would be one of Stalin's too.

He served Stalin faithfully, first as premier and then, when the dictator assumed that post, as Foreign Minister. Even when Molotov's own wife was purged and exiled by Stalin in 1948, Molotov remained dutifully at his post. In a secret speech in 1956, Khrushchev is reported to have said that had Stalin lived longer than he did Molotov himself might have been done away with.

But whatever his relations with Stalin in the final years, Molotov from all appearances remained a die-hard Stalinist even after the dictator's death, arguing against Khrushchev's de-Stalinization campaign, bitterly resisting "peaceful coexistence," and opposing any reconciliation with renegade Yugoslav Leader Josip Tito. Khrushchev finally won the post-Stalin power struggle over Molotov, Lenkov and Kaganovich in 1967, denouncing them as the "anti-party group as Molotov was banished to Mongolia as Ambassador and then to Vienna as No. 2 man on the Soviet delegation to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Any thoughts in a political comeback were crushed at the 22nd party congress in 1961, when Molotov was accused of helping engineer the Stalinist purges. But instead of the exile or execution that would have followed such charges under Stalin, Molotov was retired on a pension

Pilot error caused crash
of Chinese Airlines plane

RESCUE: Rescue workers carry badly-burned CAL stewardess Wang Wen Hwang from the wreckage of the crashed plane.

TAIPEI, March 9 (AP) — The crash of a China Airlines passenger plane in Manila 12 days ago was due to "human error" by the pilot, the government reported Sunday.

Minister of Communications Lin Chin-Sheng told a parliamentary meeting that the initial investigation showed the crash was apparently caused by errors on the part of pilot Wo Hung, 57. But he did not say exactly what mistakes Wo had made.

The Boeing 707 crashed on landing at Manila Airport Feb. 27, and caught fire. Two Taiwanese passengers later died of burns and more than 40 others were injured.

According to local reports, Wo said he had not gotten the normal flight landing information from the control tower. "This led to the loss of proper altitude upon landing," the reports quoted Wo as saying.

CAL stewardess, Wang Wen Hwang, 21, of Nanking City, the 1st person to leave the burning plane, was flown back to Taipei from Manila Saturday.

Brazilians hold vigil and reception for spacemen

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 9 (AP) — An all night long vigil by thousands of Brazilians and a carefully prepared reception for a spaceship: from Jupiter turned into angry frustration and a mammoth traffic jam early Saturday when the outspace visitors failed to show up at a farm near here.

Police estimated that as many as 50,000 people gathered in a farm at Casimiro de Abreu, a small town 75 miles east of Rio, after Edilio Barbosa, a rancher in the area

announced in a nationally televised program that the flying saucer would land there at 3:20 a.m. Saturday.

A "reception committee" prepared a cordial welcome for the visitors. A luxurious issue of an encyclopedia "featuring the most complete information about our planet" was to be given to the Jupiterians as a welcome present by Casimiro de Abreu's mayor Clio Sarzedas. It will be given to the city's public library instead.

An official "salute anthem" by composer Neves Gurgel will be played in some occasion, a committee member admitted.

Some 350 Rio de Janeiro state police troopers and federal highway patrol officers were mobilized in an "Operation UFO" maintain order during the vigil. Casimiro de Abreu Police Chief Heraldo Ramirez proudly, "Everything worked out beautifully. There wasn't a single incident of violence."

Noted jazz choreographer arrested for trespass

NEW YORK, March 9 (R) — Choreographer Alvin Ailey, founder of the acclaimed Alvin Ailey Dance Company, was arrested on assault and other charges Saturday and taken to hospital for observation, police said. A police spokesman said Ailey, 49, was

arrested in the lobby of an apartment block after "making himself a nuisance."

He said Ailey had been charged with criminal trespass, harassment, assault, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. But the spokesman said the charges might

be dropped because Ailey was "distracting the time of arrest."

Ailey, renowned for his original choreography in ballet, modern dance and founded his dance company in 1958.



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Cambodia refugees fear move from Thai camps

HAOIDANG, Thailand, March 9 (AP) — His three-month-old refugee camp close to the Cambodian border is entering a new phase of construction in anticipation of the next rainy season that could wash away thousands of hastily built thatch huts. It is despite this sign of permanence, there is an atmosphere of uncertainty among its 100,000 refugees as rumors persist that plans are under way to send them back to Cambodia.

Florida families sue makers of toxic chemical

MIAMI, Florida, March 9 (AP) — Three Florida families, saying they will bear the brunt of Vietnam defoliant Agent Orange, have filed a class action federal suit against seven corporations that manufactured the chemical. The suit, filed in U.S. district court in Miami on Friday, names Dow Chemical, Monsanto and five other corporations that made Biorin, a substance that came to be known as Agent Orange. Attorney Jack London said three sons of a couple from Miami suffer birth defects as a result of Agent Orange. The suits filed by the Florida residents are among 31 suits filed by families in 18 states. The plaintiffs claim more than 2.4 million men and women were exposed to the chemical and that effects of exposure will be felt for generations. In response to the suits, Don Frayer, Monsanto manager for Dow Chemical, has said that the chemical is safe and that it is not possible for the problems these people are facing. He also alleges the companies sold the chemical to the military with full knowledge of its toxic effects on human beings.

refugee involvement in the construction of their own homes. In the surveying and town planning for the new camp, and in the development of special sealed trench latrines is unique in refugee camps, Brown said in a recent interview.

At the same time, he said, he has had to deal with a wave of nervousness that swept the camp recently in the wake of a radio broadcast implying that the refugees might be repatriated to Cambodia.

Addressing a demonstration that he said may have been as large as 3,000 persons, Brown said he told them the U.N. will never send them back against their will, and stands ready to help them as long as they remain in Thailand.

In addition, he cited a promise by former Thai Premier Kriangsak Chuanman that no refugees would be forcibly repatriated. But following Kriangsak's resignation immediately afterward, nervousness among the Cambodians has been revived with the fear that a new Thai government could change its policy.

Brown, a 26-year-old Englishman who oversees most aspects of life at Khao I Dang, is the man behind the organization of the camp — the largest in Thailand — and also the man to whom the refugees come with their fears about the future.

He said he has told the refugees it may be their duty to their country to return to help rebuild it when the government becomes stable. But he adds that he has now come to the view that "that is their choice," and that his role is simply "to facilitate their freedom of choice."

He concedes the difficulty of finding a solution to what is "basically an unsatisfactory situation," with close to 145,000 refugees in camps inside Thailand.

So far, Western nations are taking only a trickle of the Cambodian refugees for resettlement. The prospects of their moving willingly in the other direction, back to their war-torn and food-short country, also remain slim.

Only 40 to 80 refugees a week are being moved out of Khao I Dang for resettlement in the West, and these are restricted to those with immediate family already in Western countries.

Like others who have worked with the Cambodians at Khao I Dang, Brown is impressed with their abilities and their grace in a humiliating situation.



HOOYAY FOR RICHARD: Richard Ghan, who escaped from Communist Vietnam in a boat, is hoisted aloft by his classmates at Malden, England. Richard just received word that public donations, combined with aid from American actor Yul Brynner, will now pay for his education until age 18. He is 17.

Americans deny waging 'calculated campaign'

Spy hunt called result of U.S.-Soviet rift

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) — Recent disclosures of Soviet spying in the United States stem not from a publicity campaign against the Soviet Union but from a feeling there is little to lose in U.S.-Soviet relations, sources say.

"There is no calculated campaign against Soviet spies and to think so is to give the intelligence agencies and the U.S. government more credit for coordination than they deserve," said one U.S. intelligence community source, who asked not to be named. Suspicion that the Carter administration

was attempting to call attention to spy allegations was raised by two disclosures amid the crisis in U.S.-Soviet relations over Afghanistan.

Recently retiring Federal Bureau of Investigation Intelligence Chief William Cregar acknowledged that five Soviet bloc diplomats had been secretly expelled from the United States for spying in the last year.

Then, on Monday, the FBI held an extraordinary news conference to present a top turncoat Soviet spy who discussed his 11

years of reporting on U.S. political trends to the Soviets while posing as a New York freelance photographer.

At the news conference, Homer Boynton, executive assistant FBI director, turned aside speculation the session was part of a crackdown.

Boynton said the FBI put KGB Col. Rudolph A. Herrmann on display, because "we feel that it's important that the American public be aware of the type of espionage and intelligence activities that are occurring."

Tugs towing split tanker off Brittany

BREST, France, March 9 (R) — Tugs have taken in tow the oil-filled stern section of a 18,000-ton tanker reducing the danger of another major oil pollution disaster on the north Brittany coast.

The Madagascar-registered tanker *Tanio* was carrying 36,000 tons of refined fuel from Wilhelmshaven, West Germany, to Civita Vecchia, Italy, when it broke in two in a gale off the channel island of Batz Friday. The bow sank Friday night, taking with it 10,000 tons of oil.

Helicopters rescued 31 members of the crew. Four bodies were recovered and four men are still missing.

Officials estimated that about 2,000 to 3,000 tons of oil were spilled but heavy seas dispersed the oil slick during the night. They had said the slick at one time spread over two miles of ocean.

The stern containing some 13,000 tons of oil, was being towed towards the coast Saturday night after frogmen lowered from a helicopter fixed cables to the hull.

The north Brittany coast was the scene of the world's worst oil tanker pollution disaster two years ago when the *Amoco Cadiz* sank and spilled 220,000 tons of crude oil.

That sharp pain was doctor's goof

SEATTLE, Washington, March 9 (AP) — When Elaine Mezich developed a sharp, cutting pain in her abdomen, she was rushed to Cabrini Hospital for emergency treatment.

X-rays quickly were taken, but all physicians could see was a 15-centimeter pair of forceps.

"They thought she must have lay down on a medical instrument while on the X-ray table," said Cindy Hoblet, Mrs. Mezich's niece.

After another check, doctors concluded the medical instrument had been inside the 57-year-old woman since an operation five years earlier.

On Friday, surgeons operated on Mrs. Mezich for four hours. They removed the forceps and a bowel obstruction, said Kay Anderson, Mrs. Mezich's sister and Miss Hoblet's mother.

The surgeon who performed the operation no longer is alive.



Skylab before the fall.

Says U.S. report

Skylab warning too weak

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) — America's space agency should have raised a much louder alarm before Skylab began its fiery re-entry to Earth last summer, a congressional committee says.

A report released Saturday by the House government operations committee criticizes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for a "lack of candor with both the public and the Congress."

The report says early planning of the Skylab project should have included public debate about eventual falling debris. It says NASA was simply lucky that no one was hurt when flaming debris from the old space station fell across Australia and the Pacific Ocean last July. Attempts to reach NASA spokesmen to comment Saturday were unsuccessful. The impending fall of Skylab debris was widely publicized in news reports last summer, and NASA released weekly, even daily estimates of a re-entry time.

The space agency said chances of anyone being hurt were remote and recommended staying indoors to anyone who was still afraid.

Representative John Burton, whose subcommittee prepared the report, said in an accompanying statement that NASA should have done much more.

The report suggests legislation to require "more complete dissemination of information about the impact of NASA's progress toward its planned goals and impact of its policies on the public."

The congressmen say NASA officials were apparently sincere in fearing that excited warnings of Skylab's possible re-entry "along a geographical band" circling the Earth could have created more danger through panic than the space station itself would have.

The report says U.S. officials have no right to make that determination for the world's inhabitants.

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'Think-tank sessions'

Carter advisers discuss budget cuts in Congress

WASHINGTON, March 9 (UPI) — President Jimmy Carter believes balancing the federal budget will psychologically benefit an inflation-scared nation, and he sent top economic advisers to Capitol Hill Saturday to discuss where spending cuts can be made.

Carter also is willing to see the unemployment rolls rise somewhat to help bring down inflation, it was learned.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, who is challenging Carter for the Democratic presidential nomination, has charged the administration's budget-cutting efforts will reduce inflation just a fraction of 1 per cent and will abolish 100,000 jobs.

But key segments of the public have grown so worried about inflation that Carter took the unusual step of sending all his top economic advisers to Capitol Hill this past week to discuss spending cuts with Democratic Congressional leaders.

One of those attending the Saturday session was Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd. He said efforts to cut the fiscal 1981 budget — for the year that begins in October — may also lead to cuts in the remaining six months of this fiscal year.

Byrd said the "unique" think-tank sessions would continue all weekend. The goal: reach general agreement on an inflation control program.

"The final decisions will be left to the (House and Senate) budget committees themselves," he said, adding that the Democrats also will consult with Republicans somewhere along the line.

Among those at Saturday's session were Treasury Secretary G. William Miller, Budget Director James McIntyre, chief domestic adviser Stuart Eizenstat and Charles Schultz, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The president's views were given to reporters at the White House Saturday on condition the person speaking not be identified or quoted directly.

It was learned that Carter believes balancing

the budget would have no immediate impact other than showing the world — and the American public — that inflation is his No. 1 domestic priority.

He feels a balanced budget would have a psychological benefit: the federal government setting an example of restraint and sacrifice.

While he is willing to see unemployment rise to combat inflation, Carter is not ready to project how many may go jobless as a result of budget cutting.

Unemployment has been around the 6 per cent mark for the past year, while inflation has surpassed 13 per cent.

Although no details of the planned budget revisions have been made publicly, assistant Democratic leader Alan Cranston said earlier this week he expects the package to include not only a balanced budget for fiscal 1981 but also some controls aimed at credit card eligibility, energy conservation and, eventually, a tax cut to stimulate investment.

Washington's newest effort to deal with inflation has been spurred by a steady stream of news indicating the American economy is in trouble.

On Friday, the Labor Department announced that producer prices — for goods to be sold to retailers — had jumped 1.5 per cent in February, which would mean a compound annual rate of almost 20 per cent.

On Tuesday, Alice Rivlin, director of the Congressional Budget Office, told the Senate Budget Committee inflation will average between 10.6 per cent and 12.6 per cent this year — higher than had been expected in January.

Rivlin also said the government is spending money faster than expected this year and, if it continues, the fiscal 1980 budget deficit will be \$42 billion instead of \$29.8 billion. Spending in 1981 also will be significantly higher than the president's budget projects because of inflation, she said.

Dubai plans full ownership of Alusmelter

DUBAI, March 9 (R) — The Dubai government is negotiating to take over the remaining foreign stake in its \$1.3 billion aluminum smelter and associated desalination plant, informed sources said Saturday.

The government already has an 80 per cent share in Dubai Aluminium (Dubal) and a quarter share in Alusmelter holdings, which owns the rest of Dubal.

But 75 per cent of Alusmelter is held by Alcan UK and the Southwire Company of Georgia, which contracted separately to buy 80 per cent of the metal produced by the smelter, and it is this share the government is planning to acquire.

The contracts signed by Alcan and Southwire to buy the aluminium are now also being renegotiated. They were signed when the project was in its early stages and it was estimated that the world price of aluminium in 1980 would be about 60 cents a pound (\$1.3 a kilo).

But in February this year it had risen to nearly a dollar a pound (\$2.2 a kilo) and demand is expected to grow faster than supply, keeping pressure on prices to rise further.

Both the government take-over and the contract renegotiations could be complete by the middle of the year, the sources said.

The sources said the takeover was not expected to affect Dubai's future financing as Alcan and Southwire had not guaranteed any of the loans raised for the massive project. The capital was raised entirely by Dubal and the Dubai government.

The two foreign companies had paid a relatively small amount for their share in the project, the sources said.

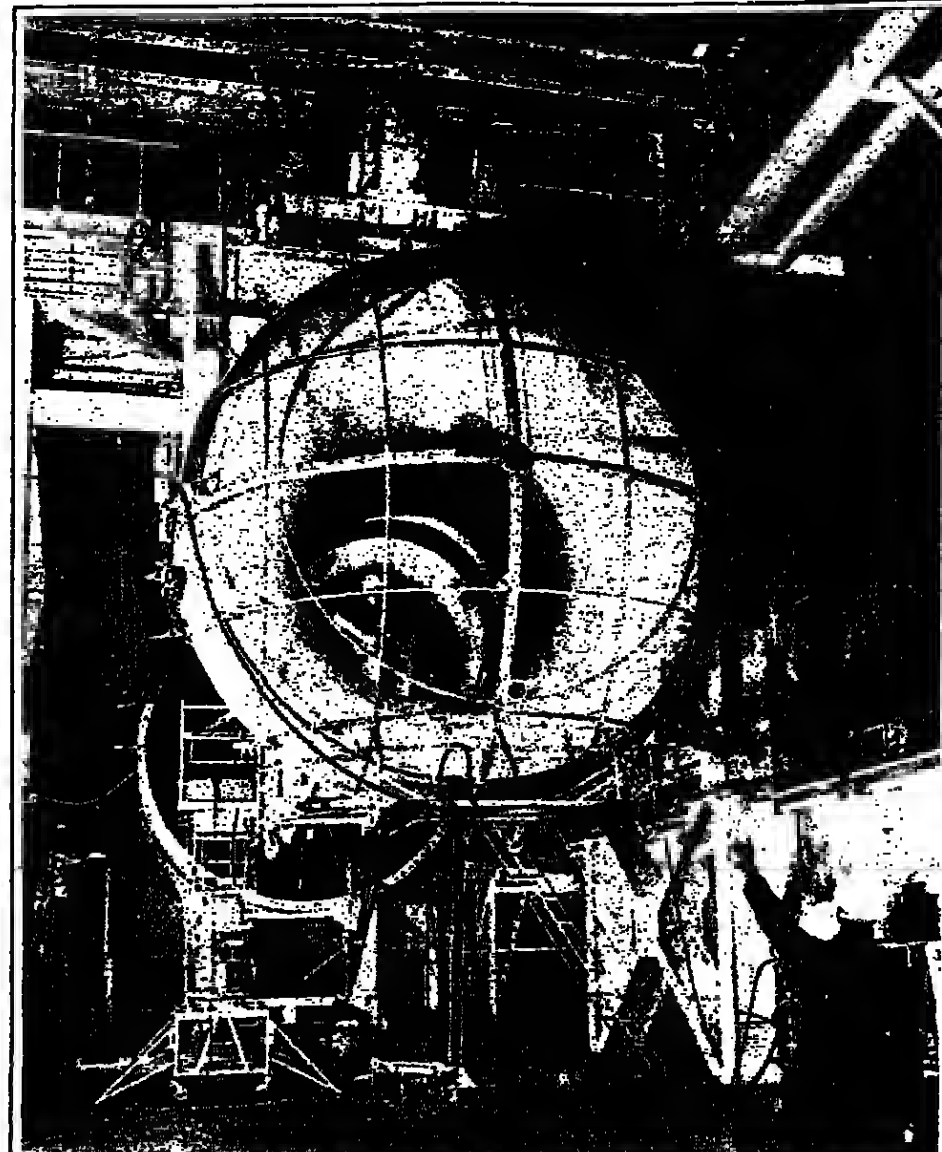
Kuwait expects unified oil prices before OPEC meets

KUWAIT, March 9, (R) — Kuwait's oil minister, Sheikh Ali Al-Khalifa Al-Sabah, said oil prices were expected to be unified before or during the next OPEC conference, the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Wakeel* reported.

The 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is scheduled to hold an ordinary ministerial session in Algiers next June, with the subject of oil prices topping the agenda.

The last ministerial conference in Caracas, Venezuela, in December failed to unify prices a chaotic oil market.

The minister did not explain his optimism



FUEL SAVER: The Rolls-Royce RB 211-535C aero engine has successfully completed 700 hours of bench-running using up to 40 per cent less fuel per passenger mile than Boeing's current best selling airliner, the 727. The new engine will power Boeing's 757 twin-jet airliner when it enters service in 1983.

Landslide breaks Iran gas pipeline

TEHRAN, March 9, (R) — Iran's first natural gas pipeline to the Soviet Union, already ruptured two weeks ago, has been severed at another point by a landslide, National Iranian Gas Company officials said.

They said bad weather caused the landslide in mountains near the city of Isfahan, touching off an explosion Friday morning in the 107 km pipeline.

The latest break is about 145 km from the Bid-Boland gas producing area, where a gas company official told Tehran radio the accident had cut out all stations along the pipeline except for two supplying the southern city of Shiraz.

An explosion caused by pipeline corrosion

near Saveh, 100 km from Tehran, cut off supplies to the Soviet Union last month.

Japan shipyards lose Greek orders to East Europe

ATHENS, March 9, (AP) — Greek shipowners, at one time Japan's leading customers for new ships, have slowly switched to East European and Soviet shipbuilding yards, an authoritative Greek shipping magazine reported.

The magazine *Nafiliaki* said that in 1979, 20 of the 46 new vessels of over 6,000 deadweight tons contracted for by Greek companies went to yards in Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union, East Germany and Romania. Japanese yards, for two decades the chief suppliers of new tonnage to the Greek fleet, picked up nine orders during the 12-month period while yards in Western Europe received only five orders, it said.

Two factors appear to have played a role in this significant switch to East European and Soviet shipbuilding yards, according to the monthly magazine.

One factor was the attractive per ton prices which Greeks have been able to negotiate with the state run yards eager to pick up dollar business.

The other was the tough attitude Japanese yards took toward all but the most credit-worthy of Greek shipping companies due to payment and delivery problems they ran into with a number of Greek clients during the 1974 shipping crisis.

East European and Soviet shipyards, according to statistics, cornered over 600,000 DWT of new orders from Greek owners in 1979 including contracts for six chemical tankers, four product tankers and six dry-cargo vessels.

U.N. buffer stock of grain planned

NEW DELHI, March 9 (AP) — The head of the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) said Saturday he intends to put the "squeeze" on surplus countries for a world buffer stock of grain.

"There is no use having food stocks in surplus countries like the United States or Canada if they cannot reach places where they are needed," Edouard Saouma, the Finnish-born FAO director-general, told reporters on his arrival here.

"We hope to squeeze developed countries a little more on the issue of food security," Saouma said. But without efficient transport facilities, a proposed world food security system would be difficult to devise, he added.

Saouma, who arrived here for a meeting of Asian and Pacific agriculture ministers on regional food production, said the world buffer stocks would be used for areas hit by drought and other natural calamities.

The two-day conference was scheduled to open Monday.

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	JAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.38	3.38
Pound Sterling	7.46	7.57	7.51
Deutsche Mark (100)	187.00	189.00	187.50
Swiss F (100)	195.00	199.00	195.80
French F (100)	80.00	80.50	80.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	40.70	40.60
Lebanese Lira (100)	101.25	100.75	100.75
Syrian Lira (100)	79.50	86.50	86.50
Egyptian Pound	4.45	4.45	4.45
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.25	12.23	12.23
Jordanian Dinar	11.35	11.28	11.28
Emirates Dirham (100)	90.00	90.00	90.00
Qatari Riyal (100)	91.70	91.70	91.70
Bahraini Dinar	8.90	8.90	8.90
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	10.50	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	74.25	74.00	74.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	84.50	89.75	89.75
Indian Rupee (100)	—	41.70	41.70
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.15	34.15
Gold kg.	66,000.00	—	—
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Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.60	—	13.60
Canadian Dollar	2.90	3.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	115.00	118.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	170.00	173.00	171.00
Spanish Peso	—	50.50	51.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	80.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	46.00
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15	Wild Avocat	D.C.E.	Reefer	23-2-80
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17	Maheharat	SEA	General	7-3-80
20	Eastern Marinar	SAITE	Cement in Bags	3-3-80
21	Silver Zaphyr (D.B.)	Alroza	Bulk Cement	4-3-80
29	Evamora Bloom	Kanoo	General	7-3-80
30	Kriti Pearl	Kanoo	General/Steel	7-3-80
32	Tarago	Barber	General	7-3-80
34	Dajin Chuan	Orri	General	6-3-80
35	Norsa pilot	Barber	Automobila	7-3-80
36	Psara Flag	S.M.C.	Cement Silo Vessel	1-4-80
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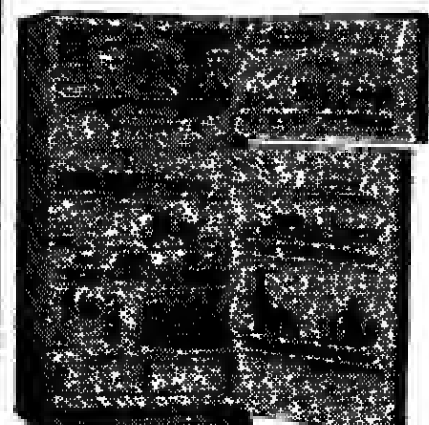
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Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Public Works and Housing	Maintenance of central airconditioning plant at the ministry	1-99/1400	100	March 17
Ministry of Education	Construction of an additional power room (high voltage) at the vocational secondary school in Unaiyah	11/M	250	March 25
Municipality of Jeddah	Maintenance of plants on the roads leading to the Royal Palace	30	1000	March 18
" " "	Maintenance of airconditioners	31	300	March 25
Ministry of P.T.T.	Construction of an ideal office for outgoing telegrams and telex messages in Riyadh	12-99/400	1000	March 12
Directorate of Education, Hail	Construction of ordinary Schools (21st instalment)	27-99/400	100	March 8
Directorate of Education, Al-Washm/Shaqraa	Construction of 10 ordinary Schools in Al-Washm area	13/17	100	March 22

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International Share Information

AMSTERDAM			
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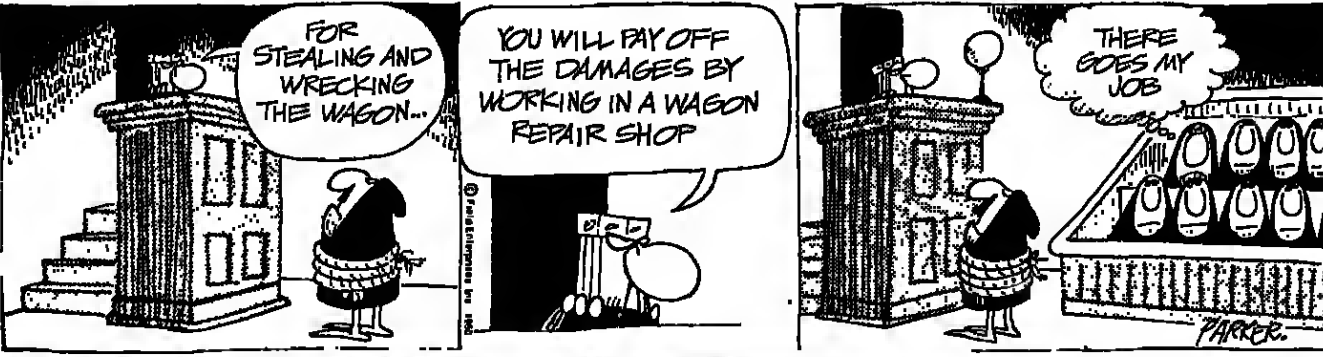
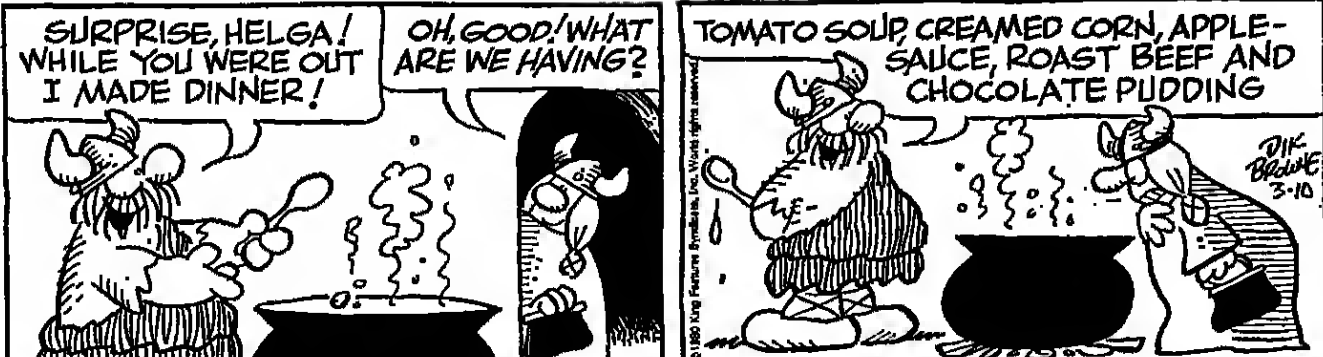
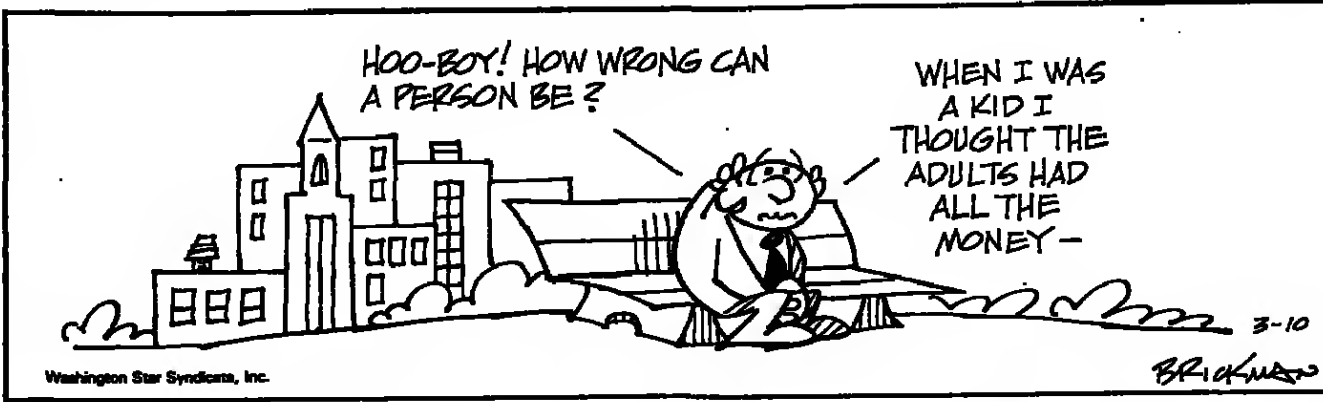
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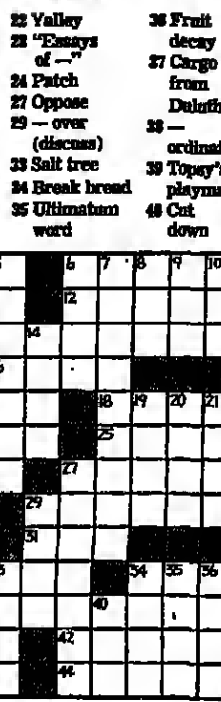
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
1. Country for 6 Rebel
 11. "The Tempest" character
 12. Madagascar mammal
 13. Low-flying plane
 15. New Guinea town
 16. Stare
 17. Grate
 18. Without
 19. The chaser
 20. Lay claim to
 21. One of an impatient duo
 22. Bring to power
 27. "Gigi" star
 28. Part of a chain
 29. Adjective for Abe
 30. Strappings
 31. Forensic decision
 32. Beyond
 34. Society gal
 37. In one's decline
 41. Compete with
 42. Could be common
 43. Growing outward
 44. Aviation sound
 - DOWN
 1. Monologist
 2. Mort
 3. Region
 4. Tolerant
 5. Out of meat
 6. Richly ornamental
 7. Drooping
 8. Constrict
 9. Little devil
 10. Play the music
 14. Burdensome
 17. Nursery rhyme character
 19. Slim Felt
 20. (discuss)
 21. Hebrew prophet
 23. Omar's product
 25. Valley
 26. "Days of"
 27. Patch
 29. Oppose
 30. over
 32. Salt tree
 33. Topsy's playmate
 34. Break bread
 35. Unpleasant word
 36. Fruit
 37. Cargo from Duluth
 38. ordinary
 39. Tipsey's playmate
 40. Cut down



Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it: A X Y D L E A X X

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

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AV HRS EZNVAVQ EFJ EFTS

JZI FY FYRASLSN AYKHSFC

ZB FY FWEZKH - CZYFVC WFANC

Yesterday's Cryptoguide: FRIENDSHIPS BEGIN WITH Liking OR GRATITUDE - ROOTS THAT CAN BE PULLED UP. - GEORGE ELIOT

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Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

Bidding Quiz

You deal and open One Spade on this hand:

♠ KQ83 ♥ KJ62 ♦ A73 ♣ 10

What would you bid next if partner responded:

1. One notrump.
2. Two clubs.
3. Two diamonds.
4. Two hearts.
5. Three diamonds.
6. Three spades.
7. Four spades.

1. Two hearts. You don't have a notrump type of hand and therefore shouldn't pass. The only real problem is whether to bid two spades or two hearts. It is far better to bid two hearts and offer partner a choice of suits, even though you yourself prefer spades. He may have one or two spades and four hearts, in which case hearts would be a more viable trump suit. If partner is equally long in both suits, he will surely return you to spades.

2. Two hearts. Here also you search for a 4-4 trump fit. It would be dead wrong to bid two notrump; you don't have the proper distribution for notrump. You may later wind up in notrump, but you shouldn't aim for it right away.

3. Two hearts. Again you look for a heart fit. You plan to support diamonds later on and thus describe your shortage in clubs.

4. Four hearts. You have all the extra values necessary for a jump-raise to game. Alternatively, you could bid three diamonds, planning to raise hearts later on to show the singleton club. You choose depends largely on your style.

5. Four diamonds. Partner is suggesting a slam by jump shifting in diamonds and you should cooperate very happily. You have extra values not expressed by your four diamond bid, but it is best not to cramp the bidding by jump raising partner to five diamonds. You could bid three hearts over three diamonds, but it is slightly better to identify your excellent diamond support as soon as possible.

6. Four diamonds. There is a possibility of a spade slam and you can best suggest it by cuebidding diamonds. If partner now bids four spades, you pass; if he bids four hearts instead, showing the ace of hearts as well as slam interest, you should head for a slam in one way or another. What you bid next depends mostly on your style.

7. Pass. Partner's four spade bid is based primarily on a big spade fit but limited high-card values. It is a preemptive bid, pure and simple, with the values for an opening bid he would have responded three spades instead. Partner may have something like:

♠ A742 ♥ 936 ♦ 10 ♣ Q9763

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Sunday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:21	6:40	12:39	4:01	6:32	8:02
Medina	5:24	6:37	12:40	4:04	6:32	8:02
Nejd	4:52	5:11	12:09	3:31	6:01	7:31

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Kidsworld No. 84
5:37 Grizzly Adams	Track of the Cougar
6:25 Big John, Little John	Big Scare, Little Scare
6:48 Housecall	Gall Bladder
7:12 The Incredible Hulk	The Antowuk Horror
8:00 Mind Your Language	All through the Night
8:25 Switch	Gaffing the Skin
9:12 The Professionals	Old Dog New Tricks

PHARMACIES

JEDDAH	(Open Monday Night)	Tel.
University Pharmacy	University Road	885037
Saleh Pharmacy	Near Khaled Idries Hospital	36815
MECCA		
Al-Ahli Pharmacy	Al-Ma'abdh	47169
Falini Pharmacy	Ajjad	28059
RIYADH		
Essam Pharmacy	Al-Khazzan St.	---
Suwaidi National Pharmacy	Beside Swaidi Clinic	---
Al-Yarmuk Pharmacy	Tareq ibn Ziad St.	---
TAIF		
Al-Amin Pharmacy	Beside Health Clinic	---
Al-Shaq Pharmacy	King's St.	---
DAMMAM		
Shams Pharmacy	Post Office Road	26001
AL-KHOBAR		
Al-Wafa Drug Store	King Khaled St.	424661
BOFUF		
Al-Ahsa Drug Store	Municipality St.	21547

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On FM at 98 megahertz in 3.2 meter band
On SW at 11.855 mhz in 25 meter band
On VLF at 1485 kilohertz in 202 meter band

MONDAY

Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
2:00 Opening	9:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran	9:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	9:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Champions of Solidarity	9:10 Light music
2:20 On Islam	9:15 A Chat and A Song
2:30 Melody Fine	9:45 Pioneers of Knowledge
3:00 NEWS	10:00 A Viewpoint
3:10 Press Review	10:00 music
3:15 music	10:15 NEWS
3:20 Arabic Song	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
3:30 A Selection of music	10:30 Dreamland
3:40	11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook
	11:10 music
	11:15 In Concert
	11:45 On Islam
	12:00 Concert Choice
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	01:00 Closedown

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	10:30 VOC Magazine
8:30 News Summary	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Special English: News; Feature. The Making of a Nation	11:30 Music U.S. (Jazz)
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	VOA WORLD REPORT
10:00 News Roundup	Midnight
10:05 Opening: Analyses	12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission	4.00 World News
8.00 World News	4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
8.09 Twenty-Four Hours	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8.30 Sarah Ward	5.15 Report on Religion
8.45 World Today	6.00 Radio Newsreel
9.00 Newsdesk	6.15 Outlook
9.30 Opera Star	7.00 World News
10.00 World News	7.09 Commentary
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours	7.15 Sherlock Holmes
10.30 Sarah Ward	7.45 World Today
10.45 Something to Show You	8.00 World News
11.00 World News	8.09 Books and Writers
11.09 Reflections	8.30 Take One
11.15 Piano Style	8.45 Sports Round-up
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	9.00 World News
12.00 World News	9.09 News about Britain
12.09 British Press Review	9.15 Radio Newsreel
12.15 World Today	9.30 Farming World
12.30 Financial News	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.40 Look Ahead	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.45 The Tony Myatt	10.43 Look Ahead
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	11.00 World News
	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
	12.15 Talkabout
	12.45 Nature Notebook
	1.00 World News
	1.09 World Today
	1.25 Financial News
	1.35 Book Choice
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1986

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
You tend to grow impatient with advice and take things into your own hands to your advantage. Career gains possible now.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
An excellent time for planning a trip. The p.m. is romantic, and cultural pursuits prove soul-satisfying.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Consider loans for property improvements. A good time for all domestic interests. The p.m. brings contentment for lovers. Relax.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Shrug off romantic blues, and capitalize on work opportunity. Today's success will rub off on your disposition and improve your outlook.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Holding things in makes you down. Talk with loved ones will eliminate insecurity. You'll find that others are truly interested.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Take a change from your usual routine. Enjoy a new restaurant or entertainment. Romantic opportunity for the young at heart. Be lovable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Save time for yourself. Relax with a good book or enjoy privacy with those for whom you care. Turn off the outside world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Enjoy a pleasant drive in the country with a loved one. A time to share sentiments and to get to know each other better. Enjoy socializing, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Initiative combined with opportunity brings you career benefits. Later, you'll want to celebrate and to share your good fortune.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Publishing and creative opportunities for those inclined. Educational matters favored too. Your optimism attracts others' admiration.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
You'll need time by yourself to make the most of today's opportunities. Later enjoy the comforts of home life with a loved one.

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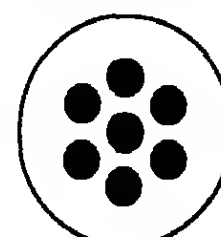
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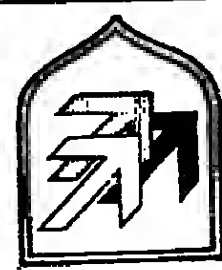
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South Africa calls multi-racial talks

CAPE TOWN, March 9 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Pieter Botha has called for a multi-racial national conference to discuss South Africa's future following the election victory in Rhodesia of nationalist leader Robert Mugabe.

His call Saturday for a conference including representatives of all races came after much heart-searching among South Africans over the implications of Mugabe's landslide election.

The highly conservative *Afrikaans Press* joined other newspapers in advising the government to consult radical black leaders to avoid black nationalist armed struggle in white-ruled South Africa.

"Either we solve our problems on a basis of understanding and a Christian approach or we go under," Botha told Cape Province parliamentarians and organizers from the ruling national party.

The government, he said, envisaged a conference in which all races "will deliberate about matters affecting South Africa, with the preservation of their identities."

Botha reiterated his warning to Mugabe that South Africa would not tolerate interference in its domestic affairs. "While we did not choose their government for them, we will also not allow them to choose a government for us," he said of Rhodesia.

He said Mugabe's victory had changed the strategic position of South Africa, which was a firm ally of white-ruled Rhodesia.

Cooperation with South Africa's neighbors would be extended where possible, but subject to the principle of non-interference in each other's domestic affairs.

Botha also said: "Should South Africa come into confrontation with Communism, the West would not help us." Britain and Europe were not in a position to do so and the United States did not want to, he said.

"We must accept these facts. In America there is a school of thought that a black government in South Africa is a better one than a stubborn white government," he said.

In a speech in which he appeared to reaffirm his intention to soften but not eliminate the apartheid policy of racial separation, the prime minister said the government did not believe in one-man one-vote for South Africa.

This would not guarantee the rights of minority groups and would lead to confrontation, power struggles and eventual dictatorship.

U.S. expresses satisfaction with Colombia negotiations

BOGOTA, March 9 (R) — The United States has said it is satisfied with the progress of negotiations between the Colombian authorities and guerrillas holding more than 30 hostages inside the Dominican Republic's embassy in Bogota.

In a press statement Saturday, the U.S. embassy said that only the Colombian government should manage the situation, adding that the United States opposed any alternative means of negotiating with the guerrillas.

Foreign ministry officials and a woman representative of the "M-19" guerrillas who stormed the embassy on Feb. 27 have had three rounds of talks on the fate of the hostages, including U.S. Ambassador Diego Asencio and 11 other ambassadors.

They held their last meeting Friday and an official communiqué said they would meet again next week.

The guerrillas are demanding the release of 311 political prisoners, a ransom of \$50 million and the withdrawal of troops surrounding the

ship, he said.

Botha said some people in South Africa feared the country was headed for violent internal confrontation. "Violence and revolution have never served anybody," he said. "I pledge myself to prevent violence. I and my government will strive for a non-violent South Africa."

He said different population groups in South Africa could not wish each other away and would have to have consideration for one another.

Meanwhile, Mugabe extended an olive branch to South Africa Saturday, according to reports in Johannesburg Sunday newspapers.

Mugabe again spelled out a conciliatory policy in an interview in Salisbury with South African journalists. He reiterated his pledges made last week after the announcement of his landslide victory in the country's first independence elections.

The former guerrilla said he was determined to maintain good relations between Rhodesia and South Africa despite policy differences, and he rejected the concept of military assistance or facilities for black nationalists wishing to use Rhodesia as a base to fight South Africa's apartheid, or race segregation policies.

He said he wanted to "deepen and expand" trade relations, and he left the door open on the establishment of diplomatic ties between Zimbabwe, the name for an independent black-ruled Rhodesia, and South Africa.

"It is better to leave matters open than to shut doors at this time," he said, according to the *Sunday Times*.

At the same time, Mugabe: — Did not exclude the possibility of meeting with Botha for face-to-face talks on relations between the two countries

— Stated he wanted South Africa as a good neighbor in "a spirit of mutual recognition"

— Said South African tourists were welcome to visit Rhodesia, and would get visas easily

— Left the door open on sporting ties with South Africa.

Acknowledged that Botha's proposed constellation of southern African states was a long-term possibility "dependent on change in South Africa."

Mugabe said South Africa had lessons to learn from Zimbabwe.



WAITING: Members of the U.N. commission stroll outside their Tehran hotel waiting for word on a meeting with the American hostages at the U.S. embassy. From left are: Andres Aguilar Mawdsley of Venezuela, Mohammed Bedjaoui of Algeria, Adib Daoudy of Syria and Louis-Edmond Pettiti of France.

Rebuffs Connally challenge

Reagan captures Carolina

COLUMBIA, South Carolina, March 9 (AP) — Ronald Reagan swept to runaway victory in South Carolina's Republican presidential primary Saturday, brushing aside a dogged challenge from John Connally. He said he was "cautiously ecstatic" with his southern triumph as the region became the focus of the Republican campaign.

Reagan ran strongly, taking 54 per cent of the vote to 30 per cent for Connally. George Bush was a distant third with 15 per cent.

Connally said he was returning to his home in Houston, Texas, and would reassess his campaign on Sunday.

In victory, the former California governor won all of South Carolina's 25 delegates to the Republican national convention in July and he will take precious momentum into Tuesday's primary voting in Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

"I had been telling you that I have been cautiously optimistic," Reagan told reporters late Saturday. "Now I'm cautiously ecstatic."

At a fundraiser in Miami Beach, Reagan added: "It's a long reach" for Bush to regain the momentum he established in January's Iowa caucuses.

Connally had counted on South Carolina to get his campaign off the ground. The former Texas governor spent more than \$300,000 here.

"I am disappointed we didn't win," Connally said late Saturday. "We just didn't overcome the champ." Asked if he might drop from the race, Connally commented: "I will reassess things tomorrow. That's all I can say now."

Bush discounted his poor South Carolina showing, saying "I spent only 2½ days and much less money" in the state than his rivals. Like Reagan, he was already campaigning in Florida on Saturday.

An Associated Press National Broadcasting Company poll of Saturday's voters

Tito's condition called 'very grave'

BELGRADE, March 9 (AP) — Doctors of President Josip Broz Tito said Sunday his condition had grown very grave, with increased bleeding and continued heart weakness.

The midday bulletin was the most pessimistic description of Tito's condition since Feb. 13 and ended six days of apparent stabilization.

"The general state of health of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito is very grave," the doctors said.

"A grave kidney insufficiency persists further. A general trend to spontaneous bleeding is more marked. Heart weakness

showed that South Carolinians were an extremely conservative group and that Connally could not dent their loyalty to Reagan. Bush failed even to get much support from the state's liberal and moderate Republicans. With all the Republican vote counted, it was:

Reagan — 77,854 votes, or 54 per cent.
Connally — 43,040, or 30 per cent.
Bush — 21,458, or 15 per cent.

A handful of other candidates claimed the remainder of the vote.

Capturing all the state's nominating delegates, Reagan ran his national total to 62. Bush has 36 delegates, Representative John Anderson of Illinois, who was not on the South Carolina ballot, has 19 and Connally has 1. At least 998 delegates are needed to win the presidential nomination.

A poll published in Sunday editions of the *Miami Herald* showed Reagan leading Bush, a former CIA director, by 42 per cent to 26 per cent among Florida Republicans. Other candidates got lesser support and 19 per cent of the voters were undecided. The poll, taken in the last few days, indicated that President Jimmy Carter was preferred over Sen. Edward Kennedy by 66 per cent to 13 per cent.

South Carolina's first-ever Republican primary signalled the campaign's shift from the northeast to below the Mason-Dixon line. As South Carolina Republicans went to the polls, Reagan and Connally were already in Florida seeking votes in Tuesday's primary contests.

Also on the ballot were Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee, who has withdrawn from the presidential race, Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, who has stopped campaigning actively, Benjamin Fernandez, Harold Stassen and Nick Belluso.

Baker had 753 votes. Dole had 120. Fernandez 183. Stassen 145 and Belluso 63.

continues to be present."

The medical panel said it was continuing intensive care of Yugoslavia's 87-year-old leader, including the use of an artificial kidney machine.

Tito was in his 58th straight day at the Ljubljana Clinical Center in Slovenia, where he underwent the amputation of his left leg Jan. 20 because of a circulation problem. Sunday's bulletin came one day after Tito's doctors disclosed that his kidneys had failed entirely.

The advisory, carried by the national news agency Tanjug, made no mention of the pneumonia which doctors revealed on Feb. 23.

Defy Revolutionary Council

Militants keep hostages

TEHRAN, March 9 (AP) — Militants holding the U.S. embassy said Sunday they are not yet ready to hand over their American captives to the Iranian Foreign Ministry, and the timing of such a transfer will be announced later.

"Conditions have changed and the hostages will be handed over to the Revolutionary Council at another time which will be announced in the future," said a statement issued by the militants.

Their announcement contradicted one they issued only a few hours earlier. It did not elaborate on the purported change of conditions, but it indicated the militants are prepared to defy the nation's ruling Revolutionary Council, at least for the moment.

After Saturday's planned transfer of the hostages to government control fell through, the council issued an order demanding that the militants surrender the hostages, now in their 127th day of captivity, or allow them to be interviewed by a visiting U.N. commission.

In their earlier statement, the militants said they were prepared to transfer custody of their approximately 50 American captives on Sunday, but they also said a meeting with the U.N. panel "is impossible and is to be regarded as deviationist."

The militants have strongly opposed council orders for a meeting between the U.N. commission and the hostages.

The militants left no indication what the next step might be in the contest of wills between them and the government.

Government spokesmen were not immediately available for comment on the

militants' latest statement and it was not known how long authorities would allow them to put off a response to the government's demands.

The five-man U.N. commission, which went to Iran two weeks ago to study Iranian grievances against the former Shah, has been marking time for several days waiting for a meeting with the Americans.

The commission was meeting in a Tehran hotel Sunday to decide on its next step. The panel of lawyers also was scheduled to meet later in the day with Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh.

An arrangement to transfer the hostages out of the embassy compound fell through Saturday when the militants objected to Ghotbzadeh acting on behalf of the government. They charged he lied to them in saying that Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's revolutionary leader, had approved the transfer.

The Revolutionary Council later decided that if the militants agreed to hand over the hostages the foreign ministry would take charge of them.

Council spokesman Hassan Habibi told reporters after a council meeting Saturday night that the ruling body agreed the place for the hostages was inside the embassy. But if the militants continued to oppose a meeting between the U.N. Commission and the hostages then the council would take responsibility for the Americans.

The government has made it clear throughout that the fate of the Americans will be decided by the new Majlis, or parliament, not expected to convene for another month. Khomeini earlier issued a ruling that effect.

Iranians stick to hot sugar water

MONROE, Louisiana, March 9 (AP) — Forty-eight Iranian protesters arrested while trying to break up a speech by Iran's former ambassador to the United Nations were in the third day of a hunger strike in the Monroe city jail Sunday.

The demonstrators have refused to eat anything or drink anything other than hot sugar water, said Capt. Stanley Jones, the weekend supervisor at the jail.

He said the protesters, most of whom refused to identify themselves, are orderly and are being checked by doctors.

Three of the students fainted and were hospitalized for about an hour Saturday before being returned to jail.

"There isn't anything really wrong with them," Monroe police Sgt. P. Taylor said. "That's what a diet of sugar water does for you."

Police said they did not know if the students had anything to eat or drink at E.A. Conway Memorial Hospital.

A student spokesman, Mohammed Mojahed, said the students had asked for tea, but police had only coffee or fruit punch to offer.

"We don't have train our jail," Monroe

Police Chief Willie Buffington said. "We don't have a special diet for anyone else, and we're not going to get one for these people."

The 48 were arrested at Northeast Louisiana University on Thursday after they tried to break up a speech by Fereydoon Hoveyda, Iran's U.N. ambassador during the reign of the former Shah.

Hoveyda was speaking to about 400 students when the heckling began. His speech was stopped and the program cancelled. Only one injury was reported during the protest — a deputy who was bitten by his own police dog, authorities said.

University president Charles Vines said, "We are going to continue taking a hard line because the vast majority of these students were from other schools."

"If they want to demonstrate on their campus, that's their business, but we don't intend to have them here," he said.

After they refused to take anything for breakfast or lunch Friday, they took only a little hot sugar water for an evening meal, said Capt. A.L. Moore of the Monroe police department.

Saturday, it was the same diet, Jones said.

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